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Callaghan angers Benn's men

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Siege gunmen given DM1m

Two gunmen who took hostages after a failed bank raid in Münster, West Germany, yesterday were later handed a DM1m (about £234,000) ransom. In exchange, one person was released. The gunmen, still holding five hostages, had demanded blankets but had made no demands for a getaway.—AFP.

Walesa defeats his challengers

Mr Lech Walesa was reelected chairman of Solidarity union by a convincing majority. He received more than twice as many votes as the runner-up. His two most radical challengers got less than 10 per cent of the vote each, showing that there was little support for their position among the delegates Page 5

Concessions on nationality Bill

The Government has made important concessions on its nationality Bill to counter the objections of British families working overseas, and has waived some of its controversial naturalization procedures. The Bill still contains no right of appeal for anyone refused naturalization, but that could soon change Page 4

Prisoner beats ban on letters

Mr J. Edward Kerr, an inmate of Wandsworth prison, has openly posted a letter to the editor of The Times through official channels for publication, signing his name, and it was not stopped Page 2

Tighter rein on Unesco activity

Unesco's executive board has adopted Western recommendations that its activities should be brought under greater control. The organization's wide-ranging programme has been under constant criticism from the industrialized and non-communist countries which provide most of the finance but are in a voting minority Page 6

Council estate soil 'a risk'

Ealing council, in London, may spend thousands of pounds replacing soil because tenants have linked barren gardens with an outbreak of skin rashes and stomach ailments. Tests are being conducted on soil from the Willowtree Lane estate, built on an old tip Page 4

$600m drop in reserves

The Bank of England has spent more than $600m of the nation's reserves of gold and foreign currencies in an attempt to stop the pound's slide in world money markets. However, sterling resumed its fall against the dollar yesterday, closing at $1.8190, down 1½ cents Page 19

Redundancy plan for dons doomed

A redundancy scheme for tenured university staff facing dismissal under government spending cuts would be doomed to fail because it could not match potential levels of civil damages, the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals has been told Page 3

European draws

Only Tottenham Hotspur of the English clubs still in Europe, received a favourable second round draw. They meet Dundalk, the Irish side. Liverpool, the European Cup holders, face AZ '67 Alkmaar, last season's Uefa Cup finalists Page 7

End of Maze hunger strike is in sight

From Richard Ford, Belfast

There are increasing signs in Northern Ireland that the seven-month-long hunger strike at the Maze prison, near Belfast, may be nearing an end with Provisional Sinn Fein admitting that it was placing little or no pressure on the Government.

Five of the families of the six men now refusing food have said they will request medical intervention to save the prisoners' lives if they cannot persuade them to end their hunger strike. The families told this to Father Denis Faul, a Maze prison chaplain, who predicted last night that the hunger strike could end soon.

"It may end very quickly and whereas I thought it would continue until December, I believe now it will be over by November 1."

Mr Richard McAuley, a Provisional Sinn Fein spokesman, said that unless the prisoners could find a method of overcoming the intervention of their relatives, they would have to reassess the hunger strike.

"They may feel they have a means of overcoming the problem of families intervention. It is a very difficult situation that we are in."

The prisoners have considered legal moves to change their next-of-kin from immediate families to fellow inmates as a way of stopping the intervention of relatives but this idea has not got very far.

While Mr McAuley emphasized that the commitment of the prisoners to the hunger strike and to die had not lessened, he added: "At the moment the British Government are under little or no pressure from the hunger strike."

Seven men have ended their fast, but no Republican prisoners have replaced Bernard Fox and Liam McCloskey who ended their hunger strikes last weekend.

Adding to the speculation in the Province is the tone of a report in this week's Republican News which implies that the ground is being prepared for the fast to end although Provisional Sinn Fein spokesmen say it is the prisoners who will themselves make the decision.

The hunger strike started on March 1, when Mr Bobby Sands began his fast to death. The last hunger striker died on August 20 and since then five men have given up.

The report in Republican News says that the pressure on the Government has been considerably thwarted, adding: "More importantly, pressure on the British Government to resolve the crisis . . . has never been at a lower ebb." It ends by saying that the power of the hunger strike has been undermined by the unforeseen development of families requesting medical intervention.

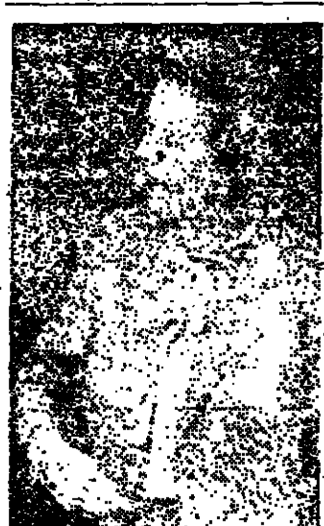
Mr Danny Morrison, editor of the paper, blamed the Roman Catholic hierarchy for putting pressure on relatives. Asked whether he thought it was coming to an end, Mr Morrison said: "No. It is a completely voluntary protest and it is not one we would recommend the prisoners to go on, and it is not one we would recommend them to go off".

If the hunger strike ended it would be a considerable political bonus for Mr James Prior, the newly-arrived Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and it would come shortly after Lord Gowrie, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office with responsibility for prisons, met relatives of the hunger strikers. His predecessor, Mr Michael Alison never saw them and although Lord Gowrie said the five demands were not on offer, it is understood that the relatives were impressed with the understanding he showed of the problem.

The meeting is being seen as a change of tone at the Northern Ireland Office. Mr Prior has said that once the hunger strike is over, if the prisoners need amplification of what is on offer, Lord Gowrie will go into the Maze.

Dr David Owen, a joint leader of the Social Democratic Party, yesterday urged the Government to take a much higher profile in trying to find a political solution for the Province.

□ The full assistance of the French Government in helping to bring about a solution of the Irish problem was promised in Dublin yesterday by M Claude Cheysson, French Foreign Minister (our Dublin Correspondent writes). M Cheysson spent more than an hour with Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Prime Minister, and told him France was committed to his efforts to work for a settlement.



Mrs Thatcher calls for her car in Melbourne yesterday.

Thatcher snubs journalists

From David Watts
Melbourne, Oct 2

With 12,000 miles between herself and the 2 per cent increase in interest rates in Britain Mrs Margaret Thatcher was in no mood to meet the press.

Sweeping out after a luncheon address to the Institute of Directors in Melbourne Mrs Thatcher ignored journalists' questions, and a woman who was waiting for her to sign the visitors' book. Her husband, Denis, brought the book along to Mrs Thatcher's hotel, where she signed it, then he returned to the restaurant with a Foreign Office official to make apologies.

Mrs Thatcher, who also avoided a planned question session with the assembled businessmen, made no direct mention of the increased rates in her speech.

She said Britain entirely supported the United States' fight against inflation and welcomed President Reagan's recent efforts to cut the budget deficit, which she regarded as important in making possible lower American interest rates.

The large stock market falls worldwide were a reflection of the uncertainty which followed the President's announcement she said, and what had happened in London markets must be seen in the wider context.

"There, as elsewhere, there has been fear of the impact of higher interest rates because the trend generally has been upwards. But the underlying position in the British economy has not changed", she said.

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Rabies husband will sue

The husband of a woman who died of rabies is to sue Gloucester Area Health Authority and doctors. Mr Nigel Milliner, 25, said he was not happy with a verdict of accidental death recorded yesterday at Gloucester on his wife, Andrea.

Mrs Milliner, 23, died after returning to England from a holiday in India, where she was bitten by a dog. Mr Milliner said: "I shall be taking civil action against the area health authority and some doctors."

Mr Geoffrey Goddard, his brother-in-law, said he felt there should be a further investigation because he believed it important that people should be made more aware of the danger of rabies.

Mr Russell Jessop, the Coroner, said that if Mrs Milliner had gone to see Dr Rhodri Jones, her GP, on her return from India, then treatment could have started. "Whether it would have been effective is another matter."

But Mrs Milliner, of Victory Road, Whiteshill, Stroud, had gone to hospital to have her wound dealt with and, a month later, went to see Dr Jones. She talked to him then about diarrhoea and possible pregnancy.

Recording his verdict in the Gloucester Crown Court building, Mr Jessop said it was to be hoped that the vigilance at Britain's air and sea ports would be maintained.

He added: "If one wants to inquire more deeply into this—and I don't think it is necessary—if Mrs Milliner had gone to see Dr Jones immediately she came back and explained fully about the dog bite in India, I think it more than likely treatment would have been started. But she did not."

Mr Goddard said: "Laying the blame on someone's doorstep is not going to get my sister back. Getting the message of rabies across could possibly save someone else's life."

Mr Goddard said the coroner came to his verdict on the facts before him, but he felt that more facts could have been brought out if certain lines of inquiry had been allowed.

Mr Ken Johnstone, spokesman for Gloucester Area Health Authority, said afterwards they were deeply distressed at the death.

Investigation by the health authority could not be completed until after the inquest. Now it would consider what form the inquiry might take.

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Dead heat: Two seagulls, which joined the race on the final stretch, cross the line well ahead of the three front-runners in a beak-and-beak photo-finish at Belmont Park, New York. The winner (among the horses) was No 6, Proud Bidder.

Unions call for strike on 3.8% BL offer

By Clifford Webb, Midland Industrial Correspondent

Union leaders at BL have recommended the company's 58,000 car workers to strike from November 1 unless management substantially improve their 3.8 per cent "take it or leave it" pay offer.

Union negotiators yesterday described the offer by BL in response to a 20 per cent claim as "chicken feed".

A recommendation for general strike action will be put to a meeting of 200 senior shop stewards from the company's 34 plants on October 9. The negotiating team ruled out a secret ballot, despite determined opposition from a minority faction led by Mr Roy Sanderson, national officer of the electricians union.

BL is already suffering from the rapidly escalating effects of a three-day-old strike at its big Cowley plant which by last night had halted all car production.

Commenting on the strike threat, Mr Geoffrey Armstrong, BL Cars director of employee relations, said: "We are obviously not in a robust enough situation to withstand any widespread or protracted industrial action. We would not survive. There would be a widespread loss of jobs if they were successful in getting a lot of people out on strike."

There was a glimmer of hope for Mr Armstrong after a mass meeting of workers at Leyland Vehicles' Lancashire factories, yesterday, when they voted to accept the company's 3.8 per cent pay offer but rejected proposed changes in working practices.

Works convenor Mr Alex Calder told the meeting there was no more money available and the offer was better than nothing.

After hearing of yesterday's strike threat, Mr Armstrong said it was unfair of unions to talk of increased wages only in percentage terms which related to basic pay. Last year's 6.8 per cent wage increase did not take into account the bonus incentive scheme which had raised average wages by 13 per cent since last November.

The company was now offering to raise the bonus ceiling from £22.50 to £30 a week, if industrial engineers could carry out full plant audits to introduce more efficient methods of working.

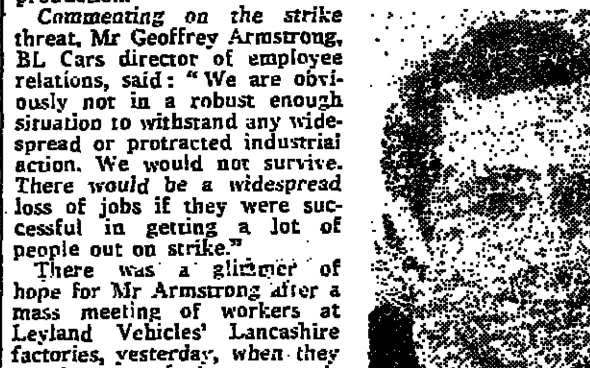
Mr Granville Hawley, national automotive officer of the Transport and General Workers Union and leader of the union negotiating team, described the offer as "a shocking, disgraceful response to our claim. This is chicken feed for our members."

He said the "take it or leave it" nature of the offer had incensed all 34 union negotiators, including 11 national officers. The company was proposing to impose industrial engineers where previously this had only been done with the agreement of both sides. The unions were available to meet the company at any time but it would have to be on the basis of a substantial offer on basic pay.

Mr Armstrong said the 20 per cent claimed by the unions would add more than £80m to the annual wage bill.

If BL tried to recover this by increasing the price of its cars it would lose sales and that would inevitably lead to further job losses.

In a long submission to the unions, which reviewed the company's precarious finances, he said: "We are not about to throw away all we have gained by conceding such an unrealistic wage claim or making any improvement to wages which we cannot be confident of funding through improved productivity."



Mr Armstrong: "BL would not survive widespread action".

Following the breakdown of day-long talks at Cowley between local union officials and management, Mr Andy Barr, managing director, operations, said several hundred Cowley workers were being laid off last night. If the dispute was not settled quickly there would be a rapid escalation in lay-offs affecting several thousand of Cowley's 9,000 labour force.

The effects have already spread to Longbridge where 300 workers assembling engines for Cowley were laid off last night. Six hundred and fifty assembly workers on strike are demanding lay-off pay for Tuesday when they were sent home because of a shortage of bodies from the adjoining press factory. A new pay and conditions package introduced last year excluded payments for workers laid off as a result of industrial action elsewhere in BL.

The strike has halted production of the new Triumph Acclaim which goes on sale on Wednesday, together with the Princess and Ital models. BL already has 7,500 models of the Acclaim in showrooms.

Rolls-Royce workers told 15,000 jobs may go

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Rolls-Royce aero engine workers were given a warning yesterday of huge job cuts during the next five years which could mean redundancy for more than 15,000 employees.

At the same time, the Lucas car components company announced that it would make 800 workers redundant at its 11 West Midlands factories.

Rolls-Royce, which is struggling to regain profitability in the face of declining world demand, said the cuts were necessary to improve efficiency. The plan would reduce the labour force to under 40,000.

While there have been indications in recent months of the Rolls-Royce plans for streamlining the workforce, accompanied by exhortations to increase productivity and cut costs, this is the first time that the magnitude of the proposals has been disclosed.

Mr Dennis Head, the managing director, interviewed in the company newspaper, said Rolls-Royce was about 30 per cent less effective than its main aero engine competitors and this meant that employment and other costs must be reduced.

He hoped the cuts could be achieved as painlessly as possible, but in some areas compulsory redundancy might be necessary as a last resort.

The company reduced its net losses from £63m to £27m last year and expects to become profitable this year. Since 1978, output per employee has improved by 25 per cent. It had already been announced that 2,000 of the 52,000 workers were expected to leave through voluntary redundancy this year followed by another 1,000 in 1982.

Lucas said yesterday it needed to reduce costs to make its overseas prices more competitive. It has already shed 6,000 jobs in the past 12 months. The latest redundancies, which will bring the workforce down to 12,000, will take place in the next few months.

British Airways' plan to reduce its workforce by 9,000 was estimated yesterday to be costing the company between £90m and £100m in severance pay. The airline would not reveal how many of its 52,000 staff had applied for redundancy since the scheme was introduced three weeks ago, but company sources estimated that there had been 6,000 applications.

The airline has run into difficulties with the sale of its Victoria Air Terminal in London. After nine months of discussion, European Ferries has pulled out of the £22m deal. BA is hoping to raise £30m from property sales.

Giant hole in space discovered

From Michael Hamlyn
New York, Oct 2

Astronomers have discovered a gigantic hole in space, which takes up as much as one per cent of the universe. The discovery upsets modern cosmological theory.

Scientists using telescopes at three main observatories saw a region of space large enough to hold 2,000 galaxies the size of the Milky Way and which appears to contain almost nothing. "The number of galaxies we were expected to find was about 25", said Dr Paul Schechter, of the Kitt Peak National Observatory, in Arizona, one of the three observatories. "The number we saw was either one or zero."

The void, which was identified during a survey made by Dr Schechter and scientists from Michigan, Yale and California, lies behind the constellation of Boötes.

The hole, which is reckoned to be 300 million light years across (the Milky Way is 100,000 light years wide and light travels at a speed of 186,000 miles per second) profoundly upsets the foundation theory of the universe, which suggests that the distribution of matter and motion in the universe is homogeneous in all directions.

According to Dr Schechter, the galaxies are thought to have been uniformly distributed throughout the universe at one time, but to have gradually gathered into clusters and even to super-clusters, forming voids in between.

"It is not surprising that we should have regions where the density is less than expected, but this is something far beyond what we might have expected. You would look for density to be down by a factor of three, not by a factor of 10 or more."

He suggests that the hole indicates that the universe may have evolved in an unexpected way billions of years ago.

It is possible that matter may be concealed in the void, but it would be organized in a perverse way, or may be too small or too faint to see.

Costs rise for married Prince

The Prince of Wales, faced with rising expenses after his recent marriage, is to take 25 per cent more of the income from the Duchy of Cornwall this year, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday.

When the Prince was 21, he became entitled to the whole of the duchy income but decided to offer half to the Consolidated Fund administered by the Exchequer. However, the arrangement was subject to review and the Prince will only give 25 per cent of his income to the fund this year.

A Palace spokesman said the expenses of the Prince's household and the amounts required to meet the cost of undertaking public duties would rise sharply.

"In particular there will be the additional cost of maintaining a separate establishment at Kensington Palace, and a considerable increase in the size of the Prince and Princess of Wales's household."

He said the Government had accepted the Prince's offer of a quarter of his duchy's annual income of £350,445.

The Prince has never received any money from the Civil List, and meets the expense of public engagements out of his proportion of duchy income. However, he does not pay income tax.

Snow falls in Scotland

Snow fell in parts of Scotland yesterday while heavy rain in Wales and the north of England caused flooding. The RAC said the snow made driving hazardous in the Grampians and that motorists faced flooding in the south of Scotland. Snow closed the Perth to Braemar road at Devil's Elbow.

A boy aged 15 drowned yesterday after being swept out to sea by waves while walking along the coast at Llandanwg, near Barmouth, North Wales.

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Reagan launches huge nuclear weapon drive

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington, Oct 2

President Reagan today announced that his Administration was going ahead with the production of at least 100 MX intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) but he scrapped plans for the missiles to be shuttled around a network of shelters in the Nevada and Utah desert.

Instead the President said three long-term basing options would be considered in the next three years. They are: placing the missiles onboard aircraft, protecting them with anti-ballistic missiles or placing them deep underground.

While research and development work is going ahead into the future basing mode for the MX, a limited number of the missiles—probably about 36—will be deployed in silos which are now used to house the Titan and Minuteman ICBMs which the MX is intended to replace.

The first MX missiles will be deployed in 1986 and it is hoped that all 100 of them will be in position before the end of this decade, providing a capability of 1,000 nuclear warheads.

Announcing a five-point programme for upgrading America's strategic defences, President Reagan said his intention was to "enable the United States to keep the peace well into the next century".

His programme had three objectives, he said. These were to deter a Soviet attack, to ensure the United States remained capable of responding to future improvements in Soviet nuclear weapons and to maintain a strategic balance with the Russians which was "the keystone to future arms reduction".

President Reagan also disclosed plans to strengthen and modernize the air-based and sea-based limbs of America's nuclear triad. He said his Administration intended to go ahead with the development of the B-1 long-range bomber to replace the 30-year-old B52. The first squadron of B-1s will be operational by 1986.

Research and development work would be continued for an advance technology bomber, known as Stealth, which is designed to elude enemy radar. This bomber will be deployed in the 1990s.

Strategic sea defence would be reinforced by the continued construction of Trident ballistic missile submarines at the rate of one a year. The submarines will be equipped with a large and more accurate sea-launched missile known as the Trident II, or D5.

As the D5 missile will not be ready until 1989, America intends to deploy several hundred cruise missiles on general purpose submarines beginning in 1984.

President Reagan also announced programmes for improving America's strategic communications and control systems and strategic defences. These will include the replacement of five squadrons of aging F106 interceptors with new F15s and the acquisition of between six and nine Awacs airborne surveillance aircraft.

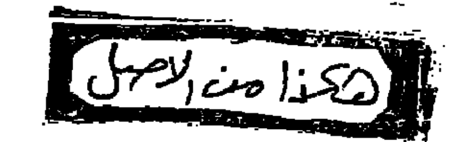
The President's announcement, made before the assembled press and television cameras in the East Room of the White House, represents the biggest reorganization and expansion of America's strategic forces in the country's history, the effects of which will be felt until the end of this century.

The aim is to close what the President described as the window of vulnerability to a Soviet attack. President Reagan and his advisors have long argued that America's strategic superiority has been eroded during the past decade and that there is now considerable doubt about whether the country's strategic defences would survive a Soviet "first strike".

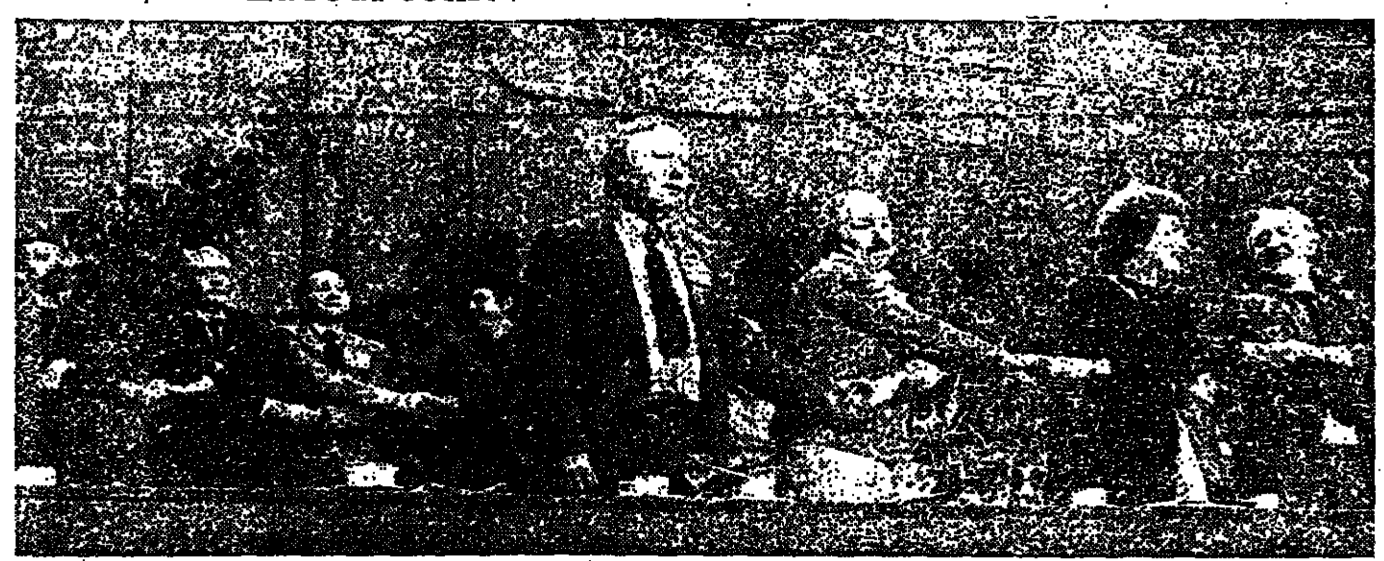
A senior Defence Department official said that 96 per cent of the minuteman ICBMs could be wiped out in that event.

Today's announcement reverses two decisions taken by the previous Carter Administration. President Carter abandoned plans to build the B-1 bomber in 1977 on the ground that it would quickly become vulnerable to improved

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Labour conference ends and Benn moves aside



As the Labour conference closed with the singing of the Red Flag and Auld Lang Syne, Mr Benn left his seat at the front of the platform, deserting Neil Kinnock (far right) and Joan Lestor. As a gesture of support he joined hands instead with Mr Bernard Dix (left back row), and Mr Norman Atkinson and the five left wing members who lost their seats on the national executive.

The left departs in angry mood

From Julian Haviland, Political Editor, Brighton

As Mr Wedgwood Benn's supporters left Brighton yesterday promising to fight for policies agreed by the party conference, Mr James Callaghan, the former leader, angered them by saying he expected that the party would now work out a realistic policy, *blurred at the edges.*

Mr Roy Hattersley, shadow Home Secretary, said last night that the gains made by the "tolerant majority" in the party should not be overstated. They would be overturned next year if they relaxed their efforts, and "the old clique" would snatch back its power.

Mr Michael Foot, the party leader, *in spite of his expressed* wish that Mr Benn should stand for election to a front bench post, said that Mr Benn could not insist, as his supporters wish, on a special right to speak on all aspects of policy.

"There cannot be two kinds of shadow ministers", Mr Foot said on *Independent Television News.* "If there was any new provision as to how the shadow cabinet should operate, that would apply not just to one member but to the lot."

The conference, which has moved left in most areas of policy this week in spite of *the changes on the NEC,* adopted by a huge majority a resolution calling for stronger democratic control of the police; more prosecutions of police officers; the ending of the Special Patrol Group; and the right of police to join a trade union.

Mr Callaghan's remarks about party policy were made in an interview on BBC television's *Nationwide.* He threw doubt in particular on the party's decision to take Britain out of the European Economic Community. "I think the accent will be more on 'how do we get a more advantageous relationship'", he said.

He dismissed with equal ease the conference's "unambiguous commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament", for which delegates voted last Wednesday by nearly two to one. "I am not a unilateralist," he said. "I reckon that Michael Foot will work to get them back nearer to my position over the next couple of years."

Mr Peter Shore, Labour's shadow Chancellor, in a later interview on the BBC's *Newsnight,* seemed equally confident that all policy differences *would be resolved in the comradeship of the new NEC.*

Like Mr Callaghan, Mr Shore is no unilateralist. But he said: "I have long believed that unilateral initiatives can assist multilateral disarmament". It was that bridge which he thought must be laid between the two different views in the party.

In fact, policy is not the immediate concern of senior figures in the party, Mr Benn apart. Mr Hattersley, speaking *in Lambeth, said Labour Solidarity,* the body formed last winter to resist the left, had achieved four of its five objectives at Brighton. They included the preservation of the Foot-Healey leadership and the changes in membership of the NEC to make it more representative.

Mr Benn's supporters in the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy said in a leaflet yesterday that unity in the party could never be achieved unless *the rank and file could* ensure that policies were carried out. They had been deprived of that by decisions this week. "The Parliamentary Labour Party have regained the power to ignore party policy. *The rank and file is left with* no alternative but to fight on".

So the Labour Party remains in two battle lines, facing one another. The restored three-year rule, which limits discussion on constitutional change, leaves each line fixed.

Mr Benn, who has not said *if he will stand again for the* deputy leadership or the Shadow Cabinet, remains in a separate tent, and by keeping his intentions to himself retains much of the initiative.

☐ The shift to the moderates in Labour Party affairs has suffered a secret setback in the *trade union group set up to promote* victory at the next election *(Paul Routledge writes).*

Mr Bryan Stanley, general secretary of the Post Office Engineering Union, has been removed from the executive committee of Trade Unions for Labour Victory in a manoeuvre that bears all the hallmarks of revenge voting.

His place on the executive has been taken by Mr James Slater, *general secretary of the National Union of Seamen* and the *preferred choice of the left.* He was voted in at a private meeting of union leaders at a seafront hotel in Brighton.

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Police/Cities/Ethnic minorities

Conference clamps down on the law enforcers

Reports from Alan Wood, Robert Morgan, Gordon Wellman, Derek Barnett and Richard Evans

Deep concern about the growth of police powers and the *breakdown of relations between* police and the community, linked with a call for the next Labour government to reverse "such dangerous trends", was expressed in a resolution carried at the final session of the Labour Party conference in Brighton yesterday.

The motion on the police went through by *6,035,000* votes to 849,000 much more than the two *thirds majority* needed for its proposals to become part of *the party's election manifesto.*

It was considered during a debate which also covered the inner cities. An interim party executive statement setting out a stategy to end decay and decline, and a resolution on ethnic minorities, were also approved.

The party was urged *to* extend its activities among ethnic *minority groups* by helping them to defend themselves *against right-wing violence and* also by resisting the imposition of the Nationality Bill.

The 10-point plan on the police, carried by the conference and now official policy, called on the next Labour government to disband the Special Patrol Group, end the *surveillance of political* and trade union activists, and abolish magistrates' seats on police committees.

It said that the Director of Public Prosecutions must be instructed to adopt "a more vigorous policy in relation to prosecutions against police officers". *Police authorities* should be set up with powers *to approve* police policies, appoint senior officers, control resources and manpower, training and discipline, and to develop police-community relations.

The "highly inadequate" police *complaints procedure* should be replaced by an *independent system.* Citizens' rights on arrest and in custody should be protected and increased. Police officers should be allowed to join a trade union.

The motion also wanted a Labour government *not to* implement the recommendations *of the* Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure which sought to give the police additional powers to stop, search, arrest and detain, and to repeal any surrogate "sus" laws.

Mr *Martin* Tempia, *Croydon* constituency Labour Party, *moving* the motion on ethnic minorities, said that only economic regeneration of the inner cities could provide the basic framework in which *ethnic minorities could* fulfil their basic aspirations of decent housing, jobs, education, dignity and hope.

The resolution called on the Parliamentary Labour Party to improve and *strengthen* race relations legislation and called for laws against racialists to be enforced. Society should not be ashamed of pointing the *finger clearly at fascists.*

Racism in the police force was as unacceptable as corruption, and it should be dealt with accordingly.

Ms Barbara Switzer, from the *Amalgamated Union* of Engineering Workers' Technical, Administrative and Supervisory Section, said that with the passage of the nationality Bill through Parliament, with its pass law mentality, the black community could hardly be blamed if they saw one law for the rich, one for the poor, one law for the black and one for the white.

Mr Mike Petrov, Streatham *CLP, moving the motion on the* police, said it was not anti-*police, nor was the party* an anti-police party. But the riots had shown that if there was to be an effective police force it must not be out of step with the community.

Mr Philip Baker, of Manchester, Moss Side CLP, seconding the Streatham resolution, said the riots had shown a total breakdown of confidence in the police. "It is vital that the police become the servants of the community and are not seen as the tool of op*pression and suppression*", *he* said.

Mr Alexander Lyon, MP for York, began by asserting that Labour was not anti-police. It was trying to resurrect public confidence in the police so that the force could do its job in the only way the British police could, in fact, do its job, by the consent of the public. He was cheered.



Eric Heffer: "Monetarist policy speeding inner-city decline."

Mr Tony Mulhearn, prospective parliamentary candidate for Liverpool, Toxteth, said that Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, *had gone to Liverpool after the* riots like a criminal returning *to the scene of the crime,* because he was responsible for cutting the inner city grant. Nor had he produced a solution after his visit.

Mr Mulhearn claimed that police brutality and joblessness *had caused the riots.* Black and white, young and old, said the same thing in Toxteth.

Mr Sydney Bidwell, MP for Ealing, Southall, told delegates *that it was there that the riots* were triggered off. He had not *come to the conference to* lambast the police; but one problem was that police officers came and went so frequently that it was not easy for people to get used to them.

The best way to improve accountability was to counsel police officers, *drawn mainly* from the working class, to establish themselves in a free trade union affiliated to the TUC so that they could sort out the problems in the search for racial harmony in Britain. Training in the matter was also too flimsy.

Mr John Scott, Lancaster, said he was probably unique at the conference in that he was a retired police officer. He *would have liked to have* said that all the criticism of the police *was misplaced and that* there were no cases of violence and political and racial prejudice.

"But I cannot say that. From my experience of the police, while this is a generalization and there are many people who are not racially prejudiced and not politically prejudiced, the great majority of them are."

Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Liverpool, Walton, replying for the national executive committee, urged the conference to *accept the NEC statement and* both resolutions.

He said that those who argued that the recent disturbances were not spontaneous but organized from the outside were totally wrong. The violence which erupted in the inner cities, with some criminal elements creeping in later on, did not develop overnight.

The problems had been festering for years because of the *poor environment, high unem*ployment, bad housing, bad educational opportunities and bad policing and discrimination against coloured people.

The troubles in Southall were caused by racist groups going in, and naturally the people of Southall reacted to them. In *Toxteth black* and white youths had been fighting shoulder to *shoulder against the police.* All these youths had no work to go to and had been unemployed for years.

Problems in the inner cities were getting worse because of the montetarist policies of the Thatcher Government, which caused even higher unemployment. The Government had cut back housing and social ser*vices and injected a new spirit* of intolerance because of the racist attitude and legislation it had brought in.

There had to be a large-scale injection of resources into the inner cities to stimulate economic revival in investment, jobs, training, education and *public services. Referring to* the resolution on the police, he said Labour had not yet got a comprehensive policy on the police; but before the end of the year the NEC intended to present a statement on the *role and accountability of the* police.

He went on: "*We are not* anti-police and they have to be protected. But they do not have to have plastic bullets and CS gas and the Special Patrol *Group. You cannot solve social* problems by throwing gas and bullets at *people.*"

They should disband the Special Patrol Group and the illegal immigration unit and bring the Special Branch under proper parliamentary control.

Big vote to abolish secrets Act

A call for the next Labour government to replace the *Official Secrets Act with* a freedom of information Act and *introduce an independent data* protection authority was carried overwhelmingly against the advice of the national executive committee.

Mr Alan Sapper, general secretary of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, moving the motion, said the Official Secrets Act, passed in 1911, was the Government's chief weapon in restricting information. It was used *increasingly* against journalists.

Since 1974 the Labour Party had repeatedly said it would replace the Act and put the burden on public authorities to justify withholding information; but it had failed to do that.

Mr Geoffrey Edge, Aldridge-Brownhills Constituency Labour Party, said the country did not have parliamentary government; it had executive government shrouded in secrecy.

Mr Christopher Price, MP for Lewisham, West, said the *motion did not go far enough.* Next year there should be a complete NEC statement that embraced the security services. MPs had found in Parliament that they could not scrutinize how much the security services cost, let alone what they did.

Until there was the kind of control which the United States Congress had over the CIA "we *will have a Labour government* which is constantly inhibited by dirty tricks from within the public sector security services".

Manifesto commitments were not honoured in the past, partly because senior ministers were so soaked in the government system of secrecy.

Mr Bryan Stanley, Post Office Engineering Union, said *his union wanted to see* all three Official Secrets Acts—1911, 1920 and 1939—repealed.

People should have the right to make a telephone call or send a letter without the risk of interception, unless there were strong grounds for suspecting espionage or crime.

LABOUR POLICY GOALS

Conservative industrial relations *legislation* would be repealed by the next Labour *government, delegates decided* yesterday.

Other new policy goals decided this week include:

☐ Unilateral disarmament.

☐ Eventual abolition of private education.

☐ *Long-term unification* of Ireland.

☐ More aid for disabled.

☐ Ban on asbestos, herbicide 245-T, lead in paint, petrol.

☐ Renationalization of BR.

☐ Expansion of health service, *abolition of private medicine.*

☐ Mandatory UN sanctions against South Africa.

☐ More aid for poorer nations.

☐ Full employment, through earlier retirement, 35-hour week, lower interest rates, cuts *in arms spending.*

☐ More public ownership.

☐ Repeal of laws restricting local authority spending.

☐ Repeal of nationality Bill and Immigration Acts.

Cairngorms 'obligation to public and world'

From Ronald Faux
Kingussie

The five-week public inquiry into developing the ski facilities on the Cairngorms closed in Kingussie yesterday when Mr Brian Gill, QC, representing the Nature Conservancy *Council, the Royal Society for* the Protection of Birds and the Scottish Wildlife Trust, said that the United Kingdom would be failing in its legal and moral responsibilities to the rest of the world if it *approved the scheme.*

Britain, he said, had an obligation to the world conservation strategy, in which the Scottish Highlands were *identified* as a priority area for conservation. The development *would result in* the irretrievable loss of an area of great beauty and fascination.

Mr John Pinkerton, QC, representing the Countryside Commission for Scotland, accused the Highland Regional *Council of disregarding their* own structure plan policies in supporting the scheme.

He maintained that the council was obliged to seek alternative sites for development when there was any conflict *of interests.* The public inquiry had shown such a con*flict, yet the council had not* sought an alternative site.

It was astonishing that they recognized no real responsibility for conservation, believing the duties to be adequately covered by other government bodies.

Mr Malcolm Macrae, for the *council, said that planning con*trols would be adequate. Present management difficulties in the Cairngorm mountains were largely the result of a failure by the Nature Conservancy Council to use their legislative powers.

Criticism of the Highlands and *Islands Development Board* and the Cairngorm chairlift *company, which is seeking to* double the lift capacity on the *mountain,* came from Mr Douglas Graham, representing the British Mountaineering Council and the Mountaineering Council of Scotland.

He thought it scandalous that no empirical data had been produced on the *snow-holding* capacity of the development area *and no objective, independent* study had been made on *the merits* of alternative sites.

OMBUDSMAN FOR POLICE URGED

Mr Peter Imbert, Chief Constable of Oxfordshire, called on Thursday night for a change *in the system in which police*men investigate complaints against the police. A *crown* court judge should decide *whether complaints* deserved investigation by acting as an *ombudsman,* he told hte Thames Valley branch of the Police Federation in Oxford.

He said the police complaints board should be scrapped. The Police Federation nationally have opposed any independent element in investigating complaints.

£4,265 AWARDED AGAINST POLICE

Mr Archibald Rutherford, a Glasgow lorry driver, who claimed he was kicked and punched by a young policeman, was yesterday awarded £4,265 damages against the Chief Constable of Strathclyde. Mr Rutherford, aged 54, had sued for £10,000.

He claimed the assault took place when police were called to his home after a domestic tiff with his wife and stepdaughter.

Prisoner B27306 jumps the gun with an open letter

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Prisoner B27306 of HM Prison Wandsworth, otherwise known as Mr J. Edward Kerr, has scooped Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, and the 44,376 other prison inmates in England and Wales.

He has openly posted a letter to the editor of *The Times through official channels,* for publication, signing his name, and it was *not* stopped.

Mr Whitelaw is expected to introduce reforms in December which reflect the findings of the European Commission of *Human Rights.* It was *reported* on September 18 that prisoners would be able, under a revised standing order, to write to *The Times* and other newspapers, though some conditions will remain.

Meanwhile the Home Office is continuing to say: "*Prisoners are not allowed* at the moment to write to the newspapers."

Welcoming the beginning of "more accountability" by the Home Office, Mr Kerr says it seems to many prisoners that *at last the public can be made* aware, from observers on the spot, living day to day in archaic conditions, of the effects of the present overcrowding in prisons.

How many people are aware, he asks, that "the vast majority of men here are limited to see*ing their families to nine hours* per year during the first year of imprisonment?" The cost in broken marriages alone is appalling, Mr Kerr says.

He also asks how many businessmen have placed contracts *with prison industries* and how many companies look twice at a qualified worker who is also a former prisoner.

He ends his letter by saying: "*All that is required of you,* the reader, is to take up the *challenge* and *ensure* that this new-found freedom is preserved and protected and utilized for the benefit of society as a whole."

The Home Office said last night that prison rules stated that the statutory minimum entitlement for visits was one in four weeks if the prisoner was under the age of 21 and otherwise one in eight weeks. "Many prisons allow more *visits," the Home Office said.* "It depends on the circumstances."

Rabies

Vets and railways study Channel tunnel threat

By Hugh Clayton

More than fifty people have been convicted under antirabies *laws this year for smuggling* animals into Britain. Some of those caught find it hard to believe that the country operates a policy of keeping the virus out.

It is a policy that leaves the human and animal population permanently at risk from the disease.

There is all-party agreement that *the present policy* must continue despite the westward *advance of the virus through* Europe. The few parts of the world which are free of rabies are mostly protected by the sea. It has not yet become established in Britain or Ireland.

Talks have begun between the state veterinary service and the British Railways Board about measures needed to ensure that a rabid animal cannot spread the disease *in Britain* after reaching the country through a future Channel tunnel.

The virus has been found in *foxes less than fifty miles from* the Channel, in north-east *France. More than* a third of that country is now classed by *its Government* as an infected area. In South America thousands of cattle are killed each year by vampire bats suffering from rabies. Well over 10,000 annual cases are reported each year in Europe. There are occasional human deaths.

The disease used to be a frequent *killer in Britain.* Between 1886 and 1902, when *state controls began on a large* scale, more than 170 human *deaths* in Britain were attributed to rabies.

Modern measures to keep the disease out are strict. The 6,000 dogs and cats that are imported each year must be quarantined for six months on approved premises

Quarantine can also be used in cases where *rabies* is suspected. The three dogs and three cats known *to have been* in Mrs Andrea Milliner's home *in Britain since her* return from holidays in India are all *to be quarantined on Govern*ment orders. She later died from the disease.

Animals thought to have the disease are kept in isolation for 15 days. If they are rabid they usually die in a week or less.

If a rabid animal is found anywhere in Britain the Government can *designate* the neighbourhood an infected area.

The most dangerous event for Britain would be for an infected pet cat to be smuggled into the country and then escape into woodland.

☐ Rabies owes its sinister reputation to its horrible symptoms and to its standing as the only infectious disease that is invariably fatal to man. There is one report of a patient said to have recovered from rabies; in every other case in which the *diagnosis* was certain the patient died regardless of treat*ment* (Our Medical Correspondent writes).

It is a virus infection of the brain and spinal cord transmitted by the bite of a rabid animal—dogs in most countries, but also foxes, cats, squirrels and wolves. In the United States, the main source of infection is skunks; in South America the disease is carried by vampire bats.

Someone bitten by an animal with rabies *usually remains in* normal health for an incubation *period that may be as short as* 10 days or as long as 12 months. The early symptoms include fever, headache, loss of appetite, and sore throat accompanied by pain or tingling around the area of the bite.

The disease progresses to cause muscular spasms, especially in the mouth and throat. The spasms are often brought on by any attempt to drink water — so giving the disease *its common name of hydro*phobia.

Growth of left drove out Mabon

From A Staff Reporter
Glasgow

Dr J. Dickson Mabon, the MP for *Greenock* and *Port Glasgow,* explained yesterday he had *defected from* Labour *to* the Social Democratic Party because of Labour Party policy on the economy, defence and Europe and because of the growth of the extreme left.

Dr Mabon held a press conference in Glasgow where he said he was not impressed by the defeats *inflicted on the left* of the party conference this week.

"What you cannot get away from is the destruction of parliamentary democracy within the Labour Party. That is the key to what is going on", he said.

Despite the effects of government policy in Scotland, the *Tories were still having a field* day. Dr Mabon said he hoped to remain an MP and would seek another seat only with great reluctance.

Mr George Galloway, chairman of the Scottish Council of the Labour Party, described the defection as "cynical and *morally bankrupt*". *He said* Dr Mabon had been reselected unopposed to his parliamentary seat only recently and had given categorical assurances that he had no intention of defecting.

Dr J. Dickson Mabon: Not impressed by Labour defeats.

At the Labour Party con*ference he had voted for* Mr Denis Healey, witnessed a series of defeats for the left and then vehemently denied press speculation that he planned to leave.

☐ The Liberal parliamentary prospective candidate, who has twice unsuccessfully contested Crosby, indicated yesterday that he would be prepared to stand down in favour of a Social Democrat and Liberal Alliance candidate at the by-election caused by the death of Sir Graham Page, the Conservative MP (Geoffrey Browning writes).

Mr Anthony Hill, aged 39, who was chosen on Wednesday as Liberal prospective candidate at the general election, told *The Times*: "I would *relish* the opportunity of fighting the by-election but my prime concern is to ensure Crosby is effectively represented by an alliance candidate."

☐ An alliance of the Social Democrat and Liberal parties *was an irresistible force* and the Warrington by-election was a landmark in showing they could work closely together, Mr William Rodgers, MP for Teesside, Stockton, one of the joint leaders of the SDP, said last night.

He told the adoption meeting of Mr William Pitt as alliance prospective candidate for Croydon North-West that: "The surprise is not that there should have been some awkwardness in building our alliance, but that we have made such progress in such a short time."

Danes sell BL cars at half British price

By Robin Young, Consumer Affairs Correspondent

A study by the European consumer union BEUC, has shown that some British Ley*land cars are sold in Denmark* at half the net price the company charges in Britain.

It also shows that Britain consistently has the highest car prices in the EEC, regardless of the cars' country of origin.

BEUC's report, based on car prices net of tax last June, says that the great price disparities shown are due to the deliberate policy of manufacturers.

It also alleges that governments and the European Commission have connived in spreading confusion about the *real causes of widely different* car prices charged in the *member states of the EEC.*

The report, due to be published at the end of this month, will strengthen the European Commission's hand in its argument with the *British Government* over policies designed to protect the British car industry.

Brussels has accused the Government of breaking the Treaty of Rome by hampering *imports of cheaper cars from* the Continent. The British are accused of attempting to stop personal importation of new cars bought on the Continent, and of using type-approval regulations to block small-dealer imports.

BEUC's figures show that the basic prices of some Mini Metros and the Rover 3500 in Denmark are only half what they are in Britain. Alfasuds, BMWs, Fiat 132s and Ford Escorts were also found at little more than half the British price.

Most cars included in the survey also sold at less than three quarters of the British price in Holland, Belgium and West Germany.

Science report

Amazon palm oil as good as olive

By the Staff of "Nature"

The Amazonian palm tree Jessenia Bataua provides oil as good as olive oil and protein of a quality matching animal protein, scientists from Harvard and Tufts universities have claimed.

Amazonian Indians who eat the fruit of the palm appeared healthier, fatter, and more energetic when it was in season, Dr Michael J. Balick and Dr Stanley N. Gershoff say in the latest issue of *Economic Botany. They conclude* that the plant could improve diets in many tropical countries, although at present it grows wild and no-one knows how disease resistant, productive or long-lived it is.

The Indians use the 80 ft tall palm in many ways — for fibre, construction materials, medicines, toys, and weapons. They use the fruit — purplish, the size of a plum but with hard skins — for a "milk" which can be squeezed out of them, and for brewing a kind of nutritious tea. The Indians feed the used pulp of the fruit to their domesticated animals.

Dr Balick and Dr Gershoff decided to analyse the nutritional value of the fruit, *brewing tea in clinical fashion ("heat 250 ml of water to 70°C and add 25 fruit")* and bringing the whole apparatus of chemistry to bear.

For the protein, which consists of a chain made from 20 or so amino acid building blocks, the researchers analysed the percentage of different amino acids in the *protein. They were amazed to* find that the amino acid frac*tions matched those of good* meat (using a scale devised by the Food and Agriculture and the World Health Organizations of the United Nations) thus putting the palm protein ahead of soya in nutritional quality.

Moreover, the fatty acid content of the oil matched that of olive oil—one of the most concentrated energy foods known. The overall composition of the fruit juice can be best compared to that of human milk, *the scientists* say. Rats fed on the food did *just as well as others fed on* milk fat and corn oil.

The doctors conclude that this little-studied palm, which *grows in swampy clumps or* scattered in highland regions around the Amazon, could form at least a useful supplement to tropical diets, and would be helpful in combating kwashiorkor, the protein-calory deficiency disease that afflicts many third world children.

It is a long way from discovering a useful wild plant to producing a practical single-crop cultivar, and the researchers do not underestimate the difficulties of making it a major component of world food supply. *But it is* worth the effort, they say.

Source: Economic Botany, vol 35(3) p261 (1981)

LAST-DITCH FIGHT TO SAVE FERRY

By Michael Baily
Shipping Correspondent

P & O *and the seamen's* unions decided yesterday on a last-ditch fight to try to keep the Liverpool-Belfast ferry open despite another government refusal of a subsidy and with only 10 days before the threatened closure.

Government insistence on not *subsidizing* this or any other merchant shipping, conveyed *by Mr David Mitchell, junior* minister for Northern Ireland, *failed to take account of the* special community, strategic and political significance of England's last direct sea link with Northern Ireland, they said in a joint statement, and they are to seek another meeting next week to try to change the Government's mind.

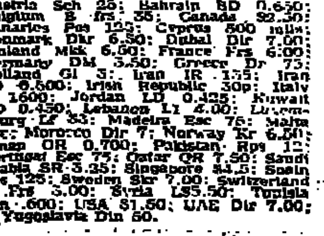
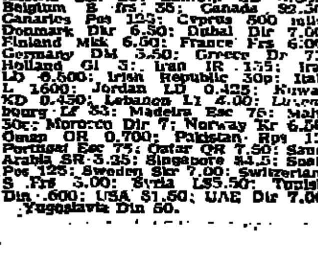
The chances of that seem slim, however, with under 20 *per cent of* passengers and 2 per cent of freight carried on this declining service, and a foreign line believed to be waiting to take P & O's place if it closes on October 12.

Declining to make an exception of the case, Mr *Mitchell* said salvation could lie only *with swift agreement on man*power savings to staunch the losses.

SENTENCE ON PC IS CUT

A policeman who prevented the burial of a prostitute after she died during a perverted sex session at his home had his five-year prison sentence cut to three years in the Court *of Appeal in London* yesterday.

Peter Swindell, aged 41, of Pentire Road, Walthamstow, east London, whose former duties in the Diplomatic Protection Group included guarding 10 Downing Street, had his *appeal against sentence allowed* after Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, said the sentence was too heavy.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 25; Bahrain BD 0.650; Belgium B frs 35; Canada $2.30; Canaries Pes 125; Cyprus 500 mils; Denmark Dkr 6.50; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mkk 6.50; France Frs 6.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 75; Holland Gl 3; Iran IR 155; Iraq ID 0.500; Irish Republic 30p; Italy L 1600; Jordan LD 0.425; Kuwait KD 0.450; Lebanon Ll 4.00; Luxembourg Lf 35; Madeira Esc 75; Malta 30c; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 6.50; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 75; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia SR 3.35; Singapore $4.5; Spain Pes 125; Sweden Skr 7.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Syria LS5.50; Tunisia Din .600; USA $1.50; UAE Dir 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 50.

Dons' redundancy scheme 'would prove unworkable'

By Diana Geddes, Education Correspondent

A national redundancy scheme for tenured university staff would almost certainly be unworkable, according to confidential legal advice given to the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals.

The committee announced last week that it had decided as a matter of urgency to draw up guidelines for compensation payments to be made to redundant university staff so as to provide "reasonably equitable treatment for the victims of government policy.

However, in written advice last July, Mr Alexander Irvine, QC, made clear that any attempt to formulate those guidelines into a scheme, agreed by universities and the relevant unions, was likely to fail.

He said it was unlikely that academics, or their unions, would agree to a scheme where the amount of compensation payable would have to be limited to substantially less than could be recovered in damages through the courts.

Even if the unions did agree, that would not prevent an aggrieved lecturer resigning his union membership and seeking his common law rights.

"It would need only a few academics to adopt this course to undermine the whole proposal", Mr Irvine said.

The Association of University Teachers has said it will not accept any redundancy scheme, and that it will fight each case through the courts.

Mr Irvine suggested that not all tenured staff would be able successfully to claim wrongful dismissal, and would therefore not be eligible for compensation beyond their statutory right to limited redundancy payments under the Employment Protection Act.

No names are given by Mr Irvine, but examples of universities in which it appears that notice may be given to tenured staff include Southampton (three months), Leeds (six months), and Aberdeen (six months) for all except professors in established chairs.

Mr Irvine gave the committee illustrations of the kind of compensation courts would be likely to award to academics who did have full security of tenure and who successfully sued for damages.

A lecturer aged 35 earning £9,750, for example, who was reemployed after a year on a lower salary might expect to receive nearly £90,000, but would receive only £1,300 (his basic redundancy payment) if reemployed immediately with no loss of earnings.

The latter sum would also be all he would be entitled to get if dismissal involved no breach of contract.

A lecturer aged 50 earning £12,860 who was reemployed after a year on a salary a third lower than his previous salary might expect to receive about £40,000, but only £2,470 if reemployed immediately with no loss of earnings.

A professor aged 45 on an average professorial salary of £18,480 who did not find a permanent job but made casual earnings of £13,000 a year might get more than £200,000; that would be reduced to £80,000 if he found employment after a year on two thirds of his previous salary.

Suspicions of drug gang

Drug smugglers suspected their American partners of putting customs men on their trail, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Continuing his opening speech on the third day of the trial of three men, Dennis Howard Marks, Morgan Stewart Prentiss and Hedley Morgan, who deny smuggling and dealing in cannabis, Mr John Rogers, QC, for the prosecution, said carbon sheets were found when customs men raided Mr Prentiss's home in London.

Mr Rogers said: "it was the most interesting item. When studied by experts the sheets produced a perfect copy of a letter written by Prentiss".

The letter, described customs' observations. Mr Prentis wrote: "Double antennae on cars, the constant watch etc, are what I experienced; including hearing their radio communications on my car radio.

"The question mark remains with the Yanks. The fact that all this trouble began with them raising hell and wanting an immediate inventory smells. They all stink bad."

Prentiss then gave a warning: "Use phones and addresses most carefully. We can still come out of this smelling sweet. We must think super-carefully."

The hearing continues on Monday.



Lord Soper, the Methodist and pacifist, addressing a crowd at Tower Hill, London. Last night he received the World Methodist Council's Peace Award at St Ermin's Hotel, in Westminster. (Photograph by Bill Warhurst).

Hallé finds Stravinsky too costly

By Martin Huckerby
Music Reporter

The financial difficulties of one of Britain's main regional orchestras, the Halle, have reached such a stage that it has been forced to cancel performances of Stravinsky's *The Firebird* ballet music because it cannot afford to pay the extra players who would be needed.

The Hallé has decided that it will not play *The Firebird* in November at two concerts in Manchester and one in Sheffield, and will instead play Mendelssohn's *Reformation Symphony*, which demands fewer players.

Mr Clive Smart, the general manager, said yesterday that although the Hallé was a large orchestra, 99-strong, it would have needed about 10 extra players, particularly trumpet players, for the Stravinsky piece; that would have added between £4,000 and £5,000 to the cost.

Mr Smart said the Hallé's spending was on target and audiences were holding up well, despite the recession, but there was insufficient outside support.

The Arts Council gave some extra money to the regional orchestras this year, but the amount was insufficient to overcome the Hallé's difficulties.

Illegal CB radio threat to emergency bleepers

By Kenneth Gosling

Radio paging "bleepers", widely used by the emergency services, in hospitals and by industry, are facing growing interference from citizen's band radio, and although the Home Office has announced a legal CB service from November 2, there are fears that illegal CB use will continue to grow.

The Selective Paging Committee, which represents manufacturers and operators of paging systems, yesterday asked the Government to support its proposal to move paging from the 27MHz radio band to an exclusive alternative frequency band of at least ½MHz between 30 and 41MHz.

The committee also gave details of tests carried out to assess "blocking" by CB transmission.

They had shown that CB radio could cause interference on 12 channels up to 1,300 metres from a paging site boundary and in some cases beyond that radius. A user's immediate reaction would be to assume his receiver or installation was at fault.

In similar tests on the proposed legal CB specification, no discernible interference was recorded. The legal frequencies will be 27 MHz or 934 MHz FM (frequency modulated). Illegal sets are AM (amplitude modulated).

There are more than 4,000 paging systems in use in Britain involving more than 100,000 receivers, and the total is growing by 15 per cent a year.

Mr Rex Thorne, the committee chairman, said paging was a very efficient form of communication but its signals lasted only a few seconds at comparatively low power.

"CB generally operates at a higher transmitting power and is boosted by an auxiliary high power unit know as a burner, which effectively obliterates any weaker signal in the vicinity."

That might prevent a member of an emergency team from reaching a patient who was having a heart attack.

Mr Thorne said they had been told by the Home Office to wait until the legal service was introduced to determine whether the level of interference decreased.

The committee would continue compiling statistics on every form of interference, and would supply them to British Telecom and the Home Office.

□ Users of CB have no need for slang when chatting with fellow enthusiasts. Plain language is just as effective, a guiding newsletter out yesterday stated (The Press Association reports).

Benefits of Stansted 'substantial'

From John Young
Quendon, Essex

The British Airports Athority was challenged yesterday over its assertion that it would be "reasonable" for people to accept the disadvantages of a new London airport at Stansted.

In written evidence to the public inquiry at Quendon, near Bishop's Stortford, which began this week, Mr Norman Payne, the authority's chairman, has said that the national interest required further airport capacity in the London area.

"The authority believes there are substantial benefits in its provision at Stansted, and in the light of these benefits the adverse consequences are reasonable."

The inspector, Mr Graham Eyre, QC, said he was puzzled by Mr Payne's statement. "Are you saying that it is unreasonable on the part of local people in this part of Essex and Hertfordshire to reject your proposals?"

Mr Payne said that was not his meaning. He also defended his statement that at a time when employment opportunities were desperately needed the development of Stanstead provided "an oasis of opportunity in a desert of decline".

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Fears over contents of British sausage

From Arthur Osman, Shrewsbury

The British sausage, part of the staple diet of the nation, especially in times of recession, faces a lowering of its quality with government approval, it was claimed yesterday.

Shropshire Trading Standards Department, in an attack on proposed meat product regulations announced by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said they represented "a very significant drop in standards and the degree of protection currently available to the consuming public".

Pork sausages would still have to comply with a minimum standard of 65 per cent meat, but, it is claimed, there would be no control over the minimum quality of "country-style sausages" or "jumbo sausages with pork".

Last June the department received national support when it gave details of ways in which companies with household names were using modern technology to debase food.

Yesterday, in a report to be discussed by the county's public protection committee on Wednesday, it was stated that the proposed regulations were disturbing.

Shropshire intends to urge the Association of County Councils to press the matter with the Government.

The report said that recommendations for tighter control made by the Food Standards Committee, members of which were acknowledged experts from the trade, enforcement and consumer bodies, have been rejected by the Ministry.

"The trend towards debasement, far from being reversed, is actually in some cases being encouraged. These proposals quite simply weaken the existing law and, of even greater concern, they specifically legalize certain practices which are currently considered not only to be illegal but fraudulent."

The report gave examples such as cured meat, which in future would be allowed to contain any number of unspecified "other ingredients".

Bacon would get "wetter" with increased injections of water and curing salts.

Burgers, which take a large slice of the convenience food market, were considered generally to be products with a high meat content of at least 80 per cent. That would no longer be the case as they were to share the sausage's fate.

IN BRIEF

Victorian gates are stolen

Forty Victorian wrought iron garden gates, valued at between £70 and £150 each, were stolen from houses in Chiswick, London, early yesterday. They had been lifted off their hinges.

They were taken from the Eastbury Grove, Cornwall Grove and Balfern Grove areas.

RAF rescues surfer

Mr Henry Kavanagh, a publican, of Rostrevor, co Down, who was reported missing while wind surfing in Carlingford Lough, Northern Ireland, on Thursday and given up for dead, was found alive yesterday on Buckhouse Island by an RAF helicopter.

Trouser treasure

About £4,000 was discovered in a pair of trousers given to a Union of Catholic Mothers jumble sale in Hove, Sussex, just before they were to be sold for 20p. The money had not been claimed last night.

Restaurant destroyed

A restaurant was destroyed and several businesses were badly damaged when fire swept through a big building in George Street, Oxford, yesterday. More than fifty firemen prevented the blaze from reaching thousands of gallons of potentially explosive paint and cooking oil.

Park extended

Another 880 acres of Exmoor, at Landborrow, Exford, was taken over yesterday by Somerset County Council to preserve it for the nation. It has cost £235,000, of which 90 per cent will be met by government grant.

Inquiry plea dropped

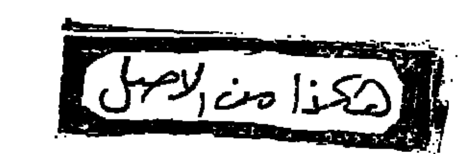
The family of Mr Dadid Woodhouse, aged 27, of Fownhope, near Hereford, who has been in a coma for five months after an appendix operation, has shelved plans to ask the Prime Minister for a top level inquiry.

£20,000 jewel raid

Four thieves escaped with rings and other jewelry valued at £20,000 yesterday after bursting into a jeweller's, Pot Pourri, in Ecclesthall Road, Sheffield, and tying up a girl assistant.

Marina rejected

Plans for a marina on the Montgomery Canal near Welshpool were rejected by *Montgomery District Council* planning committee yesterday, after a 33-signature petition against proposals for a basin for 100 boats.





Mr Bob Paisley, the Liverpool manager (left), and Sir Matt Busby at the funeral yesterday.

The football world says farewell to Shankly

From Our Correspondent, Liverpool

Hundreds of football supporters stood silently in pouring rain yesterday in memory of Bill Shankly, the former Liverpool manager. They waited outside the West Derby parish church, in Liverpool, where a private funeral service was held.

Only the family and friends were at the service. Among them were the current Liverpool team and members of the side of the 1960s which he steered from Second Division obscurity to the First Division championship. Representatives of all 92 English league clubs as well as some from Scotland also attended.

The coffin-bearers were all former Liverpool players, Ron Yeats, Emlyn Hughes, Ray Clemence and John Toshack. They were flanked by Ian St John and Mr Shankly's most famous "find", Kevin Keegan.

Mr Shankly's widow was being comforted by her daughters, Jeanette and Barbara, as she entered the church and during the service, conducted by Canon Arnold Myers, rector of West Derby. He paid tribute to the former Liverpool manager and Preston half-back, describing him as "larger than life" and "a much-loved warrior".

"Bill Shankly did not do all this for himself, but for a team, for a vast family, for a city, for an ideal," he said.

Mr St John said: "It is a terrible loss for everyone concerned. The legend will live on, I just wish the man had been around longer."

After the service the growing crowd outside the church lined the route of the procession to the crematorium. Throughout the week hundreds of wreaths had been sent to the Shankly home in Bellefield Avenue, West Derby, from supporters.

Government bows to 'nationality' pressure

By Lucy Hodges

Important concessions have been made this week on the nationality Bill which meet the objections of British families working in Europe and elsewhere abroad.

The government has decided to retreat from its previous position in the face of strong pressure from overseas Britons and has tabled substantial amendments to clause three which mean that grandchildren born abroad of British parents will be able to become British.

The changes were greeted with delight yesterday by Mr Dick Pantlin, of the Council of British Chambers of Commerce in Brussels, who had written a letter to The Times last month.

"This is a major step forward", he said. "People working abroad will be delighted that the Bill has been simplified."

The amendments mean the children of people born abroad to a British parent can be registered as British within a year of their birth, provided the British parent has lived in this country for three years before the birth.

As the Bill was originally phrased, British citizenship could have been passed on only by Crown servants and some businessmen. Now everyone with a British grandparent will be entitled to it.

The Bill, which returns to the floor of the House of Lords next week for the report stage, has also been changed in other important respects. In the case of a child who is stateless, born abroad to a British parent, the parent will nor have had to have lived in Britain for three years in order to register the child as British.

The importance the Government attaches to the EEC is borne out by another amendment, that any child born to a British parent working for a EEC institution will automatically become British. That change will meet some of the criticisms made of the Bill by the European Parliament.

Aspects of the procedure for naturalization are also to be changed. The Home Secretary will now be able to waive the language test for naturalization on the grounds of a person's mental condition, and the language test is being completely abolished for spouses of British citizens and citizens of the British dependent territories.

Mrs Ann Dummett, of the Action Group on Immigration and Nationality, which campaigned vigorously against the Bill, said the amendments were significant.

Freud 'did not act for Playboy'

Mr Clement Freud, the Liberal MP, gambled at the Playboy Club in London for his own benefit, Mr Robert Alexander, for the club, told licensing justices yesterday. When he won he kept the money and when he lost he had to pay the debt. He was not acting on behalf of the company.

The police have claimed that Mr Freud's gambling was in breach of the Gaming Act because he was a director and trustee of the club and was acting on behalf of the company.

It is one of the objections by the police and the Gaming Board, who are opposed to the renewal of licences for the Playboy Club, in Park Lane, and the Clermont Club, in Berkeley Square.

"Mr Freud had no authority to act on behalf of the company except at board meetings, unless he was given actual specific authority", Mr Alexander told the South Westminster Licensing Justices at the hearing at Caxton Hall, London.

Mr Michael Kempster, for the police, agreed with Mr Alexander that Mr Freud, MP for the Isle of Ely, was entitled to be a member of the club.

The licensing justices were unable to reach a decision yesterday. Playboy must wait until Monday to learn its fate.

Test on garden soil as tenants fall ill

By John Witherow

Ealing council, in west London, may replace soil in gardens on a housing estate because tenants have complained of skin rashes and stomach ailments.

The council is awaiting the results of chemical tests on the soil from the Willowtree Lane estate, near the A40, which was built on a site used as a household tip before the Second World War. Top soil for the gardens was laid when the 240-house estate was completed last year. Plants and turf have never grown in some gardens, and the council is planning to replace the soil in those, whatever the results of the tests.

If the tests show contamination below the top soil the gardens may have to be concreted over.

"The council is not convinced that what is allegedly happening to tenants is due to living conditions", a spokesman said. "We are in close liaison with the medical authorities and have had no reports from GPs about any illnesses connected with the soil."

Mr Roger Baker, director of housing, said: "We were aware of gardens where things would not grow and people had ulcerated sores, but nothing more major than that. We have warned parents to keep their children out of the gardens if possible".

Speculation among tenants that the site had been a dump for ammunition or industrial waste was denied by the council. Exhaustive tests were conducted on the land about five years ago and it was found suitable for a housing site.

One tenant, Mrs Sally Granville, said: "The plants in our garden just went white and died".

Mr David Gordge said his turf died within four weeks of laying. His wife and son aged two have since complained of vomiting and stomach pains.

Mr Kenneth Kettle, chairman of the housing committee, said that there was still no evidence to link the sterile soil with the ailments. "I think there is a certain amount of hysteria creeping in".

Critical year for Cardiff's independent radio station

From Tim Jones, Cardiff

Cardiff's independent radio station, which claimed a unique place in commercial broadcasting history when it started transmitting 18 months ago, is facing a critical year.

Cardiff Broadcasting Company was awarded the franchise by the Independent Broadcasting Authority after putting a convincing argument that the community deserves more than the pop and jingle recipe which had guaranteed success for other purely commercial operators.

But now the company, which is accountable to its listeners, is in financial difficulty, and a director said yesterday that the next 12 months would either break or make it.

Increased interest charges have exacerbated the position created by a large overdraft, and a slump in advertising by multinational companies is adding to monthly losses of between £5,000 and £10,000.

The company has carved its place in history because of the way it is directly involved with the community. Every listener is entitled to vote for a representative on the Cardiff Radio Trust, and that in turn nominates six people as directors to sit on a board with six others, who are investors.

Unfortunately CBC has never fully recovered from a disappointing launching, and official figures released in February showed that only 28 per cent of a potential 480,000 adults listen to it, one of the poorest figures in the country.

After that was published the company was visited by officials of the National Broadcasting School, who recommended changes in the programmes and working methods.

Their advice seems to have been helpful, for the latest figures show that the listeners are tuning in for longer periods. That trend is usually followed by an improvement in the number of listeners.

In spite of the difficulties the station controllers seem determined to stick to the stated aim of giving local organizations and people access to the air waves.

£1,000 FINE OVER BOGUS EXPENSES

A £12,000-a-year justices' clerk was caught falsifying his expenses, Exeter Crown Court was told yesterday. Everard Layton-Hyslop, aged 53, a barrister, was clerk to five divisions in East Cornwall for 13 years and retired in 1980, Mr Michael Brodrick, for the prosecution said.

But in his last 13 months he was paid an extra £368 by the county council on bogus expense claims.

Mr Layton-Hyslop, a former clerk at the Central Criminal Court, a church lay reader for 30 years and a district councillor, admitted seven charges of deception and one of attempted deception. He was fined £1,000.

STERN HEARING ADJOURNED

The hearing of a discharge application by William Stern, aged 45, whose 1978 bankruptcy with debts of £118m is thought to be the world's biggest was adjourned again, yesterday, for 12 days, at the London Bankruptcy Court.

Commonwealth conference

Fraser demands study of EEC trade protection

From David Watts, Melbourne, Oct 2

Australia today challenged the protectionism of the EEC with a proposal that the Commonwealth should set up a working group to study the problem. Australia has long campaigned against world trading barriers.

The idea, which is to be discussed by the Commonwealth leaders during a weekend of informal discussions in Canberra, was mooted today by Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Australian Prime Minister.

The EEC has eaten into the traditional markets of not only Australia and New Zealand, but of the poorer nations producing fruit, sugar, and a variety of agricultural products.

The proposal is bound to find a wide measure of agreement among the poorer members of the Commonwalth but will put Britain in an embarrassing position as the only member of both groupings. The Australians would clearly like Britain to be a member of the working group so as to influence the EEC towards more flexible policies.

A British spokesman said the proposal presented difficulties for Britain as a member of the EEC, but it was unlikely that other Commonwealth members would be satisfied if Britain stayed outside the grouping.

With this Commonwealth meeting keyed partly to the problems facing the poor countries of the South it will be hard for Britain to give a plausible reason for not going along with the idea.

The Australian proposal came on the first day of the meeting's economic debate which was led off by Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister.

The first two speeches of the debate marked the vast differences between the approach of the industrialized countries and those of the Third World and the difficulty of reconciling them.

For all his commitment to a more equitable distribution of the world's wealth, Mr Trudeau's broad-brush presentation was a painful contrast to the speaker who followed him, President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania.

Mr Trudeau spoke of the need for a new international morality. By this he did not mean that standards of right and wrong had changed, but that the application of such standards to international events must reflect the rapidly changing environment.

"How we learn to live together in the global village demands not a new Keynes to instruct us on how we can manage our economic lives, but rather a new outlook by each of us, as peoples and governments, about the morality which should govern our relations with each other", he said.

Mr Trudeau's heady exposition contrasted vividly with President Nyerere's description of present reality. Between 1972 and last year Tanzania's trade value had deteriorated by 35.7 per cent if oil were taken into account.

"Putting this in real terms a country like Tanzania had to sell 38 tons of sisal, or seven tons of cotton, to buy a seven-ton truck in 1972. In 1980 that truck required 134 tons of sisal or 28 tons of cotton."

He said the constant impoverishment affected everyone. The modern world economy was built upon trade, and salesmen needed prosperous customers. Further impoverishment of the world's poor could lead to disorder in various parts of the world, and that in turn might pose a threat to peace and would be fertile ground for foreign interference.

One of the bizarre side issues raised here is the call by President Forbes Burnham of Guyana for Commonwealth help to resist Venezuela's claim on 70 per cent of Guyana's territory. He believed that the 16 jet fighters that Venezuela was buying from the United States would be used to enforce its claim.

Trudeau says Britain has no choice on Canada act

From Our Own Correspondent, Melbourne, Oct 2

Mr Pierre Trudeau believes that Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, is committed to the return of the Constitution of Canada now that the Supreme Court has ruled it legal, in a qualified judgment. Mrs Thatcher, he said, today, had no choice but to go along with the Canadian Parliament.

Mr Trudeau, who is attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting here, wants to bring home the British North America Act "with prudent haste."

He is to meet Mrs Thatcher here on Monday to discuss the constitution's return. The return of the Act needs the approval of Westminster which originated it.

So far, eight of Canada's provinces have opposed its return which would lead to a reduction of provincial power vis-à-vis Ottawa.

The Canadian leader said he intended to make two points to Mrs Thatcher: that now the Canadian courts had ruled the return legal, there was no longer any legal impediment for Britain; and that he expected Mrs Thatcher to ensure her backbenchers did not hinder the process.

Mr Trudeau has already indicated to the provincial premiers that he is prepared to consider modifications to the Charter of Rights, which sets out provincial powers, and which has already been approved by the Canadian Parliament.

He was prepared to look at ways of improving the bill and was ready to be flexible, but he warned the premiers that he would not tolerate its emasculation.

Kaunda sets Thatcher giggling

"The only complaint I have about the Commonwealth", joked President Kenneth Kaunda, of Zambia, "is that it is dominated by women".

His toast, at a glittering banquet hosted by Mr Fraser, brought gales of laughter during what veteran observers said was one of the most lighthearted occasions in the body's history.

Mrs Thatcher giggled when Dr Kaunda described her as "the beautiful blonde who came and conquered all men".

He said that at the 1979 Lusaka Commonwealth conference, which led to Zimbabwe's independence, Mrs Thatcher had even dealt successfully with real firebrands like Mr Robert Mugabe.

Other prime ministers joined in the joking as the leaders ate Tasmanian crayfish and drank Australian champagne in what Dr Kaunda labelled: "This special food conference".

Mr John Adams, the Barbados Prime Minister, joined others in praising Mr Fraser and added: "Malcolm learned politics with me at Oxford under A. J. P. Taylor, though on subsequent form not a great deal."—Reuter.

Queen faces noisy IRA protest

More than 300 IRA sympathizers shouted anti-British slogans at the Queen as she arrived yesterday at an official reception at Melbourne's national gallery.

Royalists among the crowd tried to shout down the demonstrators who shouted "Victory to the IRA" from behind a line of 150 policemen opposite the gallery.

The Queen later left Melbourne on board the Royal Yacht Britannia for Hobart to continue her Australian tour.

Federal police searched the home of an IRA sympathizer and seized papers he had brought from Ireland.

Mr Barry Hughes, president of the Victorian state branch of the Irish H-block Committee, had just returned from a three-week visit to Ireland. He said the police found nothing.

The search was part of intense security precautions which have been particularly tight around Mrs Thatcher and the Queen.

Before the meeting started, police searched a house of the Ananda Marga religious sect which opposes Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, who is also in Melbourne.—Reuter and AP.

African leaders briefed on Namibia proposals

Britain and Canada have been using the Commonwealth meeting to brief African leaders on fresh proposals to bring independence to Namibia.

Western sources said that Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, had held talks with the frontline states in the Commonwealth as well as with Nigeria and Kenya.

African leaders had been given only a general idea of the proposals because they would be put formally to South Africa and black African states later this month, the sources said.

Southern Africa is emerging as the key issue and will be debated next week, with President Shehu Shagari of Nigeria as one of the main speakers.

Nigerian sources said he was likely to launch a bitter attack on South Africa for its racial policies, for its recent incursion into Angola and for prevarication over Namibia's independence. He may also seek Commonwealth support for sanctions against Pretoria.

The South-West African People's organization (Swapo) has sent an observer to the conference to lobby for a strong Commonwealth condemnation of Pretoria.—Reuter.



General Ghassem Ali Zahir-Nejad, Iran's new head of the armed forces. His predecessor died in an aircraft crash.

Armed guards out as Iran picks President

Tehran, Oct 2.—Armed Revolutionary Guards appeared to be as numerous as voters at times in Tehran today as Iran's 21 million eligible voters were caleld to the polls for the third presidential election in 19 months. By-elections for 11 parliamentary seats were also being held.

The presidential election looks likely to result in a victory for Hojatoleslam Ali Khamenei, whose only serious opponent, Hojatoleslam Muhammad Reza Mahdavi Kani, the Prime Minister, has said he would vote for the favourite candidate of Iran's religious leaders. The other three contestants have also endorsed Hojatoleslam Khamenei. Mr Muhammad Ali Rajai, the last president, was killed in a bomb explosion in August.

Voting was extended today by two hours by popular request, the Interior Ministry said, just over an hour before the scheduled end of polling.

The security measures were to try to prevent incidents such as those which took place in the last elections, on July 24, when seven people were killed at or near polling stations. All voters were searched and motor cycles, used often in street ambushes, were banned. Cars were slowed by oil drums and dustbins placed in the streets.

An early Radio Tehran report said entreaties for a high turn-out had paid off, but witnesses reported sparse attendance in most sections of Tehran.

More than 50,000 Tehran residents attended the Friday prayer session after a memorial service for the victims of an aircraft crash on Wednesday which killed four of Iran's leading defence officials.

Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Parliament Speaker, said opponents of the regime could have caused the crash, which yesterday was attributed to a lack of fuel.

☐ Iranian aircraft today attacked and partially destroyed four power stations in various parts of Iraq, Tehran Radio reported. The raids were reprisals for Iraqi raids on an industrial installation and on "innocent people" in Abadan on Tuesday.—AFP.

☐ Danish authorities are considering an application for political asylum by Mr Husain Moini Zolghadr, the second secretary of the Iranian Embassy here (Christopher Follett writes from Copenhagen).

In an interview today in a Copenhagen newspaper, Politiken, the diplomat said that Iran was heading for total collapse and denounced the regime as "a group of incompetent reactionary criminals set on wrecking Iranian culture and civilization

Half-awake Korchnoi is thrashed by Karpov

From Alan Hamilton, Merano, Oct 2

Viktor Korchnoi, the Russian exile playing under the Swiss flag, put up a depressingly poor performance in the opening game of the world chess championship because he was not fully awake, his aides said today. The challenger was soundly thrashed by the faultless performance of Anatoly Karpov, of the Soviet Union, the reigning world champion.

A subdued morning-after feeling permeated the Korchnoi camp as his seconds analysed last night's crushing defeat and discussed strategy for the next game, scheduled for tomorrow, while the challenger rested and tried to wind himself up to a higher plane of concentration.

Mrs Petra Leeuwerick, Korchnoi's manager, said today: "Viktor has lost, but it may be good for him. He has been a bit too relaxed. And now he knows he has got to fight."

Despite the advantage of white, Korchnoi played without inspiration throughout the game. At the twenty-fourth move he made a major blunder with pawn to queen's rook 3. Momentarily he seemed to have lost all concentration, having played an unexpected and, the watching army of grandmasters agreed, senseless move.

Several other blunders followed, and as the 10 pm time limit approached his position of disadvantage turned into one of rout in a flurry of moves in the dying minutes of the game.

The required minimum of 40 moves was reached in the last minute. At the forty-third move Korchnoi resigned, signed his score sheet and walked quickly from the hall.

All predictions had been of a draw in the first game, as each player felt the other out, as happened in the opening bout of the 1978 Karpov-Korchnoi encounter.

Karpov played flawlessly, if unadventurously, throughout, and won the point with no real effort. An hour before the end Viktor Baturinsky, the leader of the Soviet delegation, was so confident of success that he left his front-row seat and retired to the bar.

Several grandmasters watching the match remarked that Korchnoi plays less well when angry, and there is no doubt that he has been under great psychological pressure in recent days.

On Wednesday he telephoned his wife in Leningrad to learn that there was little hope of his son's early release from a labour camp, and that his condition was poor. The same day the Soviet news agency Tass reproduced a bitter personal attack on him from the magazine Soviet Sport.

Then yesterday Tass issued another statement suggesting that the early release of the Korchnoi family to the west might be possible after all.

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Battle starts in earnest over sale of Awacs

From Nicholas Hirst Washington, Oct 2

The Reagan Administration still faces an uphill fight to get its controversial $8,500m (£4,600m) arms package to Saudi Arabia, including five Awacs early warning radar aircraft through Congress.

As the battle to get agreement began in earnest yesterday both Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, and Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, made representations to the Senate foreign relations committee to allay fears either that the sale could be a danger to Israel or that sensitive technology could fall into Soviet hands if there were a coup in Saudi Arabia.

The Senators opposed to the sale, formal notification of which was given to Congress yesterday, appear not to have changed their minds despite "understandings" reached with Saudi Arabia over the use of the Awacs.

Senator Robert Packwood, Republican, Oregon, submitted a resolution of disapproval on behalf of 50 members of the 100-member Senate after the formal notification. An aide said that all the Senators who first signed the resolution a month ago had been consulted after Mr Haig's briefing to see if they no longer wished to support it.

Mr Haig told the committee that only carefully screened Saudi Arabians and Americans would be manning the aircraft and the surveillance equipment.

"Given the shortage of Saudi aircrews and technicians this means that there will be an American presence in the aircraft and on the ground well into the 1990s", he said.

That assurance appeared to fall short of the joint American-Saudi Arabian control Senators had been looking for to agree to the sale. Senator John Glen, Democrat, Ohio, the architect of the joint control idea, whose support has been regarded as critical, said he believed it was "doomed to defeat".

But the President at his news conference yesterday said it had a good chance of success. The terms met most of the objections that had been raised. Even if the aircraft fell into enemy hands, which he did not believe they would, American security would not be jeopardized.

Success may now depend on convincing Republican Senators that the prestige of the President both at home and abroad would be badly damaged if the sale were voted down.

Mr Haig met Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Saudi Foreign Minister, in New York for 90 minutes today to discuss the deal.

Doubt over warning to Kuwait of raid

☐ Mr Haig's revelation that American Awacs in Saudi Arabia had monitored the Iranian aircraft which attacked oil installations in Kuwait almost from the time they became airborne prompts the question whether the Kuwaitis were warned in time to intercept the raid (Edward Mortimer writes): Kuwait has a squadron of 20 Mirage F1 interceptors which are designed for this kind of air defence.

Kuwait, a strong believer in non-alignment, has no defence ties of any kind with the United States but has recently formed a Gulf Cooperation Council with Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain.

The Awacs are on loan to Saudi Arabia and it is therefore presumably up to the Saudis to decide what use to make of the information that they supply. It is possible that the Kuwait Government was warned but decided to take no action. Kuwait, a small and extremely prosperous oil-producing state whose territory has been claimed in the past by Iraq, is extremely vulnerable to attack by either side in the Iraq-Iran conflict and has been doing its best not to be drawn in.

Although the government protested against the Iranian raid, local journalists were told not to publish any more about it than the official government statements.

Moderate Walesa defeats radical union challengers

From Denis Taylor, Gdansk, Oct 2

Mr Lech Walesa was tonight reelected chairman of Solidarity, the independent Polish trade union by an overwhelming majority on the first round.

He got 462 votes, more than double the number—201—won by Mr Marian Jurczyk, the runner-up among the four candidates. Mr Andrzej Gwiazda came third with 74 votes and Mr Jan Rulewski fourth with 52.

Delegates attending the union's first national congress thus endorsed the two most moderate contestants, though many had obviously been attracted by the more radical sentiments expressed by the fiery Mr Rulewski.

Predictions that a significant number of delegates would register disapproval of what is sometimes seen as Mr Walesa's tendency to act without heeding the wishes of the rank-and-file members, were shown to be unfounded when it came to the vote.

The plainest speaking of the second stage of this congress came in a marathon session, ending early today, at which Mr Rulewski hinted that it might be a good thing for Poland to reconsider its total commitment to the Warsaw Pact.

The Government should present better alternatives in foreign policy. Romania, Albania and even Cuba had created alternative ways, ways of bypassing the military powers. France and Greece had left their alliance's military structure, he pointed out.

He drew gasps of astonishment with the boldness of his remarks. In his opening statement as a candidate for the chairmanship and in the following question time, he spared his audience no room for doubt about what he thought of the Soviet Union.

Mr Rulewski, who spent four years in prison during the 1950s for trying to escape to the west after repeated conflicts with the authorities, has said before the sort of things he told the congress, but this was the biggest audience he has ever had.

His remarks were also heard over loudspeakers by people standing outside the sports complex where the congress is taking place. Only months ago the public expression of such views would have been inconceivable in Poland.

Mr Rulewski added that the Helsinki Final Act, signed by 35 nations including the Soviet Union, spoke of the right to join or leave international alliances. This offered Poland an alternative to its present foreign policy.

"I think our mistake has been to accept the theory of the real or imagined threat of the Soviet Union. *This has inhibited us* from seeking to attain all our aims. . . . I propose rejection of this inhibition since we cannot define its parameters until we determine the imperialist policies of the Soviet Union", he asserted.

No one had the right to refuse Solidarity to express opinions on foreign policy, he said, and proposed that the union should include in its programme the implementation of the Helsinki resolutions.

The mass media would argue, he continued, that he had gone beyond the limits of union activity, but the problems of the union had to be seen in a wider perspective.

Mr Walesa, in his much more cautious candidature speech, told delegates: "I am worried by one thing—that we badly underestimate our partner (the Government). We have too much self-confidence and at the same time fail to notice problems, troubles and methods with which we can be defeated."

For this reason, he added, "if I am going to stay . . . I will not endorse this union programme, because it would be just as if you were to put me on a plane which I don't know how to pilot".

If an agreement was endorsed it would only be with a view to implementing it, Mr Walesa added.

And so he reached his conclusion that politics was not a question of discussions, but of action.

US decision could cost Britain £1,000m

By Henry Stanhope

Defence Correspondent

President Reagan's decision to procure the Trident-2 D-5 missile will almost certainly prompt Britain to follow suit—adding at least another £1,000m to the Government's strategic weapons bill.

The Government resolved last year to buy the Trident-1 C-4 missile from the United States, to replace Polaris as Britain's nuclear deterrent in the 1990s. The cost of buying the missiles, building four new submarines and designing new warheads was estimated to be in the region of £5,000m over 15 years.

But Whitehall officials will almost certainly advise the Cabinet that Washington should now be approached again with a view to switching from the C-4 to the D-5, if only to keep in line with the Americans.

The D-5 will have a range of about 6,000 miles when fired from its parent submarine—compared with the 4,000 miles of the C-4 and the mere 2,800 miles of Polaris. It can also carry up to 14 independent warheads of 150 kilotons each—equal to 150,000 tons of conventional explosive.

Not only that but the D-5, unlike the C-4, is likely to be manoeuvrable in space so that it will be even less vulnerable than its predecessors to enemy defences.

All these improvements are more than Britain really needs for its relatively straightforward ambition of threatening Moscow and other Soviet cities. But to stay with the original C-4 decision would saddle the Royal Navy with a system already outdated by the Americans—and therefore less able to share United States supporting facilities.

Like the D-5 decision, those involving the MX and the B-1 bomber have come as no great surprise—although President Reagan has shelved the big issue of where and how to base the MX missile.

MX will become the main land-based intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) in the United States, with the ability to attack missile silos in the Soviet Union. It will be twice as big and twice as accurate as the Minuteman-3, currently the most modern ICBM on United States soil.

Each of its 10 separate warheads will have a yield of around 350 kilotons (the bombs which fell on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 were less than 20 kilotons) and should be able to land within 100 yards of their targets.

The original aim was to build and station some 200 MX missiles, which analysts said would be more than enough to destroy the whole Russian ICBM force in their hardened shelters—or at least to threaten to do so.

The decision now to station 100 of them, though not unexpected, will not guarantee that same capability. But the mobility of MX when the question of its basing has been finally answered should at least ensure that the Russians could not wipe out all the American ICBM force in one devastating pre-emptive strike.

The revived B-1 bomber is likely to be a smaller, subsonic version of the aircraft cancelled by the Carter Administration. In recent months it has become known as the Long-Range Combat Aircraft, whose role will be to act as a stopgap until a still more advanced bomber can be produced for the 1990s.



The B1 bomber resurrected by President Reagan.

Reagan bows to lobby on missile base sites

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Soviet defences. President Carter had also come in favour of a mobile land-based deployment system for the MX, known as the multiple protective shelter scheme or more coloquially as the "race track shell game".

The President's decision today on the MX, which was taken by him personally after intensive lobbying by interest groups within his administration, the Armed Forces and Congress, same as a surprise.

Although he had already abandoned President Carter's plan to base 200 of the missiles among 4,600 shelters in Utah and Nevada, he had been widely expected to opt for a scaled-down version of the same scheme. The almost *unanimous opinion of the* American press and Congress was that he would proceed with the deployment of 100 missiles to be shuttled around 1,000 shelters.

A senior Defence Department official said the President had rejected that plan because it did not cover the vulnerability of the Minuteman and Titan force.

There was also a domestic political reason for the President's decision. Strong opposition to the plan to base the missiles in Utah and Nevada had developed among environmentalist and other interest groups which threatened litigation that could have delayed deployment, of the MX for years. Senator Paul Laxalt of Nevada, one of President Reagan's closest political confidants, was a leading opponent of multiple protective shelter scheme.

Defence officials emphasized today that a combination of the three basing modes for the MX may be used. It was made clear that the air-based option was still favoured by senior officials in the Pentagon, including Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, even though it is opposed by the Air Force.

The cost of President Reagan's strategic programme will be $180,300m (£98,500m) over the next six years. High though this figure sounds it represents only about 15 per cent of projected overall American defence spending during that period.

No breakdown of the costs of the different programmes has been given. Earlier estimates for the MX programmes ranged between $33,000m and *$68,000m* which would have made it the most expensive weapons system ever devised. President Reagan's MX programme will cost less initally. The B1 bombers will cost £200m each.

If the President decides to go ahead with the deployment of anti-ballistic missiles (ABM) to defend the MX it would involve altering the ABM treaty with Moscow which was signed by President Nixon in 1972 as a companion to Salt 1. This restricts the Soviet Union and the United States to the deployment of only one ABM system each.

The Soviet system is deployed around Moscow; but the Americans never took up their option to deploy ABMs.

Talks on strategic arms limitation are expected to be resumed early next year.

West accused of financing union's 'campaign of lies'

From Michael Binyon, Moscow, Oct 2

The Russians today accused the West of masterminding and financing "Operation Poland" to allow Solidarity, the independent trade union, to inundate Poland with slanderous bulletins and conduct an "outrageous *campaign*" of *lies and slander*.

The accusation, made in a weekly supplement of the government newspaper *Izvestia*, comes after yesterday's allegation that the union was planning at its congress to seize political power, dismantle communism and break Poland's ties with its allies.

Reporting from Warsaw, Tass asked how far the union could go in violating its own charter and agreements signed with the Government. It claimed that there were calls to set up a Solidarity dictatorship in Poland and carry out a counter-revolution by force if necessary.

Tass particularly attacked Mr Andrzej Gwiazda, one of the radical rivals to Mr Lech Walesa, the union leader, for the post of national chairman. It called delegates' demands for the uninterrupted supply of Soviet oil and raw materials "arrogant", and said the union was trying to show Soviet-Polish economic relations in a false light.

France falls in line on rights pact

Strasbourg, Oct 2.—France announced its full acceptance of the European Convention on Human Rights today, opening the way for French citizens to take their government to the European human rights court in Strasbourg.

M André Chandernagor, the European Affairs Minister, announced his government's decision today before the Council of European Parliamentary Assembly.

The announcement, 31 years after the first signatures to the Convention, brings France into line with 15 of the Council's 21 member states, including Italy, West Germany and Britain. France signed the original document in 1950 and ratified it in 1974, but with reservations, in particular on Article 25, which covers right of appeal to the Strasbourg court.

President Mitterrand made full ratification part of his election campaign.

The convention, widely regarded as the Council of Europe's most important achievement, covers a wide range of civil and political liberties, such as freedom of thought and expression, respect for privacy and the right to a fair hearing.

M Chandernagor said: "Opening the right of appeal before an international authority to individuals has long appeared to some people as a 'luxury.'"—Reuter.

IN BRIEF

Velazquez sold for record $6m

New York.—A Velazquez painting fetched a record $6m (about £3.3m) from its sale to the Kimball art museum in Fort Worth, Texas. It is a full-length portrait, "Don Pedro de Barberana y Aparregui", and was from the collection of the late George Wildenstein.

Roman fort found

Moscow.—Soviet archeologists have discovered a Roman fortified military camp in the Crimea, believed to have been founded in about AD45 by legionnaires who intervened in the dynastic struggle between King Mithradates VIII of the Bosphorus and his brother Cotis.

Poll on terrorism

Rome.—The Communist Party plans to distribute a million forms containing 25 questions to be completed by non-communists as well as communists to test opinion on the terrorist issue.

Zurich clashes

Zurich.—Police used teargas during clashes with hundreds of youths in Zurich in the city's first major disturbance for several months.

Fewer leave

Tel Aviv.—The number of Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union is the lowest in 12 years, according to the Jewish Agency, an Israel-based immigrants' aid association. Only 300 were allowed to leave last month.

Sabotage against Spanish destroyer in Santander

From Richard Wigg, Madrid, Oct 2

A destroyer of the Spanish Navy on patrol missions against ETA, the Basque terrorist organization, was damaged by an explosion early today while it was in Santander harbour. A 10ft hole was blown in its side. No one was injured.

Defence Ministry officials said there was no doubt the Marqués de Ensenada had been the object of sabotage, and later the San Sebastian fishermen's radio station said it had been called by an ETA spokesman claiming responsibility.

If confirmed, this would be the first big attack by ETA in several months. It is also the first time any sabotage has been reported against naval units since the Calvo Sotelo Government took the decision last March to involve the armed forces in the fight against Basque terrorism.

The admiralty said the explosive device was attached to a jetty beam below the water line.

The explosion ripped into the boiler area. Naval sources said it it had gone off farther forward where the crew of more than 300 officers and men were sleeping there would probably have been many deaths.

The destroyer had taken part in the regular patrolling of the waters of the Basque coast, intended, like those on the land frontier by troops since last spring, to intercept any movement by ETA terrorists based in France.

Israel sets out to win friends and end isolation

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem, Oct 2

The Israeli Government has embarked on a concerted attempt to break out of the diplomatic isolation that has marked the country's relations with the Soviet block and much of the Third World in recent years.

As part of the diplomatic offensive, a detailed Israeli plan for a new, agriculturally-based approach to the problems of developing nations has been circulated at the United Nations in New York. A senior Foreign Ministry official said it had been welcomed as a positive development by a number of Third World governments already contacted.

In addition during the past week Mr Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's Foreign Minister, has taken advantage of the United Nations session to hold separate private meetings with his Soviet and Polish counterparts. It was the first meeting between an Israeli and a Polish Foreign Minister since 1967, and the first with the Soviet Foreign Minister since 1976.

A central aim of Israel's strategy is to restore relations with some of the black African nations which broke *diplomatic contact in 1973 in* protest at the Israeli crossing of the Suez Canal.

Although no names were given, Israeli sources believe that among the countries most likely to be involved in such a move would be Kenya, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Tanzania and Zaire. At present Israel has varying degrees of informal relations with each, ranging in status from trade missions to a representative operating from a friendly embassy.

Israel's hopes were boosted at the United Nations on Monday, when Mr Gabriel Bacchus Matthews, Liberia's Foreign Minister, called on those African countries which had severed relations in 1973 to begin a reexamination of their policy. He also expressed support for the Camp David agreements.

At the *60-minute session* with Mr Joseph Czyrek, of Poland, Mr Shamir is understood to have proposed a cultural exchange as a first step towards reestablishing diplomatic ties, broken in 1967.

In Western diplomatic circles, Israel's wide-ranging diplomatic feelers are seen as evidence that the Government is striving to shake off the image of an international *pariah*, and also to capitalize on the election of President Reagan.

Car bomb death toll rises to 83

Beirut, Oct 2. — Police said today that the death toll had risen to 83 after a car bomb exploded near the external information bureau of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Beirut, *leaving more* than 300 injured.

Mr Mahmoud Labady, a PLO official spokesman and a survivor of yesterday's explosion, said in his shattered office that the blast signalled the start of a new kind of war between the PLO and Israel.

Israel today denied that its agents were responsible for the blast. A group calling itself the Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners claimed responsibility.

Mr Labady claimed the spate of bombings against *PLO and leftist* targets in Lebanon was an Israeli violation of the July 24 ceasefire sponsored by the United States and the United Nations.—AP and Reuter.

Redgrave Auschwitz film banned

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv, Oct 2

Israeli television will not screen *Playing for Time*, an American film about the Nazi holocaust, because Miss *Vanessa Redgrave, the star*, has supported the Arab cause in Palestine.

Mr Joseph Lapid, director of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, said today: "I am a survivor of the holocaust; my father perished in the holocaust." He called it obscene *that an active supporter of the* Palestine Liberation Organization should have been cast as an Auschwitz inmate.

Miss Redgrave has been an outspoken critic of Israel and actively supported the Palestinian cause by producing another film for the PLO.

The British actress won an Emmy award for her portrayal of Fania Fenelson, a real woman who has objected to being portrayed by Miss Redgrave.

China's economic reform

Industrial revolution experiment opens way for free enterprise

From David Bonavia, Jinan, Oct 2

China's easternmost province of Shandong is in the throes of a sweeping economic reform masterminded in Peking by Mr Deng Xiaoping, the senior Deputy Chairman of the Communist Party, and his team of *liberal economic* planners.

Like other parts of China, Shandong has undergone a massive transformation of its industry, with entire factories being cleared of heavy industrial plant and the workforce retrained to make light industrial consumer goods. The idea is to raise the standard of living of the province's 73 million population, which is already putting a heavy strain on food supplies.

The most serious drought in nearly 50 years is well into its second year and many people in upland areas are living off their grain stores, while the lowlands depend for irrigation on reservoirs and wells.

The excess population, still growing at a rate of more than 1 per cent a year, is the main problem. "We must persuade people to have only one child per family, or at *most two", an official said in* Jinan. Unfortunately the senior cadres, whose job it is to persuade the masses to have fewer children, often have four or five themselves.

Surprisingly, the peasants of Shandong — or the rural cadres — have put up strong opposition to agricultural policies being pushed by the party leadership in Peking.

Aimed at enabling the peasants to enrich themselves *quickly, the reform of agri*culture encourages them to sign individual family con*tracts with their production* teams (units of a few score families apiece), promising to supply a fixed quota of grain or other produce after the *harvest.*

In return, the peasants are permitted to farm particular patches of farmland individually or in small work groups. The land formerly worked communally by the whole team is divided up by discussion or drawing lots. But although quite a few places have gone over to farming in groups of families, very few individual families have opted to farm independently. The family farming system is considered to be good for only the poorest areas.

Country markets and fairs are now thriving, with peasants setting their own prices for their produce — something which was considered "capitalist" under the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung. Old men sell home-made kitchen implements, brushes and tools, while women hawk their home-made fruit juice and cakes.

Rises in the price of foodstuffs have hit the city dwellers, and inflation at a rate of about 6 per cent last year has *invalidated* bonuses and subsidies which state-owned enterprises have been paying their workers.

Some factories have gone over, to *piece-rates,* also suspect as a form of capitalism when Mao was alive. A woman making embroidered blouses for export can earn *the equivalent of about £16 a* month.

Welfare facilities depend on the prosperity of the individual factory, which is nowadays encouraged to find its own markets and fix its own prices. The market economy has been given Peking's blessing, though there is still bureaucratic interference by ministries and local authorities, which affects productivity.

Unemployment, however, is a severe problem. Some factories are not replacing retiring workers while others are enrolling only the off*spring of their older workers.*

The elegant coastal resort of Qingdao (Tsingtao) — built by the Germans during their occupation of the area *between 1898 and 1915 — has* 30,000 unemployed out of a work force of about 500,000.

A new industry which will provide more jobs is tourism. Foreigners are now welcomed at a variety of places besides Qingdao and Jinan.

Shandong's economic problems are a mirror of those existing all over China, and the sixth National People's Congress, due to meet in November, will be expected to *endorse legislation increasing* the role of market forces and free enterprise.

Swiss accuse couple of spying for the KGB

Berne, Oct 2 — A couple allegedly working for the Soviet KGB intelligence service are to be tried in Switzerland for spying against a foreign country, the Federal Justice and Police Department said today. It did not give their names but said the man was a Soviet citizen, aged 41, and his wife an East German, aged 40.

They were arrested at Zurich's Kloten Airport in mid-July when about to leave Switzerland, and had since admitted working for the KGB, the department said in a statement.

The couple are being de*tained in Zurich pending trial* there on charges of spying to the detriment of a foreign country. *Mr Ulrich Hubacher,* a department spokesman, said that the couple had been recruited to monitor the political, military and para-military aspects of one particular country. He declined to identify the country but said it did not border on Switzerland.

Since 1978, he said, the couple had made several visits to Switzerland.

The Swiss Government has protested to the Soviet and East German Embassies over the alleged use of Swiss territory for espionage activities. — *Reuter.*

West puts tight rein on Unesco

From Jonathan Fenby
Paris, Oct 2

Western nations today made significant progress in their campaign to bring the activities and growth of Unesco under greater control.

A meeting here of Unesco's 45-state executive board, whose function is to monitor the application of the organization's wide-ranging programme, ended with the adoption of a resolution containing recommendations for which Western powers and Japan have been pressing for a year.

The British delegation expressed pleasure at the outcome and another Western delegate said: "We got everything we could have hoped for."

Unesco's activities are financed mainly by industrialized non-communist nations but they are in a small minority under its one-state-one-vote procedure and have grown increasingly worried at the way the organization's programme has developed and proliferated.

Apart from specific areas of concern, such as proposals for a new world information order, the industrialized nations feel that member states are not able to evaluate *fully the way in which the* Unesco secretariat administers the programme and budget, now running at $1,004m (£548m) for 1981-83.

They have been anxious to emphasize their concern during the three-week meeting of the executive board, drawn *from Unesco's 155 member* states, because Unesco is in the midst of drawing up a draft plan for its activities in the second half of the decade.

The resolution adopted unanimously today said that this plan should "contain guidance about the gradual introduction of a built-in evaluation system applicable to Unesco's activities". Member states should be presented with programming *and financial alternatives to* enable them to make choices, where appropriate. In the past, they have usually accepted proposals put by the secretariat.

Today's resolution also reflected Western concern at the range of Unesco activities. It said guidelines for the 1984-89 plan should "facilitate concentration of Unesco's activities on a small number of large scale programmes".

ARCHBISHOP LOSES HOPE OF RETURN

From Richard Hughes
Hongkong, Oct 2

Hopes that the Archbishop of Canton, Mgr Dominic Tang, might be permitted to return to China after Peking's conciliary approaches to Taiwan, are fading.

Mgr Tang, who was jailed for 22 years in China because of "counter-revolutionary activities", was released last year and allowed to come to Hongkong for treatment of an intestinal ailment.

Consecrated as catholic Bishop of Canton in 1950, Mgr Tang was made archbishop in Hongkong in June this year and it was expected that there would be no opposition to his return.

However, the government-supported Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association in Peking, which does not recognize the Vatican, is still strongly opposed to his return.

Rugby Union

Expansive Orrell earn higher status in northern hierarchy

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

The John Player Cup holders, Leicester, have reached October with a 100 per cent record and averaging just under 43 points per game in the "for" column. Their fixtures now become more consistently demanding but they must be confident of continuing a prosperous run against Coventry *at Welford Road this afternoon.*

Coventry last won there six years ago, and now they make do without their England internationals, Huw Davies and Marcus Rose, who have returned to Cambridge for a new university campaign. Cambridge are fielding nine out of 12 Blues in residence against Cambridge City today, one of them being Lillington, who was *a Scottish tourist in New Zealand* last summer.

There are some good contests in the north, notably Orrell v Rosslyn Park, Sale v Moseley, Fylde v Gosforth Liverpool v Broughton Park in important merit table fixtures. Orrell may have had a nasty hiccup at West Hartlepool recently but by all accounts they were in sparkling *fettle at the Reddings seven days* ago when they scored three tries in beating Moseley 23-9.

With so much talent at loose forward and in their back division — even without the injured Carleton — they will surely be aiming to spread today's game as wide as possible. Ripley and Mantell are notable Park absentees.

This is a new fixture for Orrell and further emphasis of expanding progress since their heady times, largely against northern opposition, in the early 70s and their exploits in the early years of the knockout competition. In the past seven or eight seasons Cardiff, Coventry, Gala, Gloucester, Gosforth, Hawick, Llanelli, Leicester, Moseley, Pontypool and Wasps have all appeared on the Orrell card.

Moseley, whose start to the season has not been auspicious, make no excuses for last week's *defeat.* Their secretary, Bernard Malin, says they were never in the game against opponents who played very well. Now Moseley have dropped eight players, including Field, the lock who led the Rest in last season's England trial, for a hard task at Sale. A little further to the west, on Merseyside, Liverpool and Waterloo both aim to extend their all-conquering march. No side this season has crossed Liverpool's line.

In town, Swansea play Harlequins at Twickenham with injury problems and a background of two defeats, by Newport and Pontypool, in the past week. London Scottish are at home to *Northampton, London Welsh* to Richmond and Wasps to Blackheath. The Wasps lose Melville in Yorkshire's cause against Ulster but their captain, Taylor, is fit again and they have a new stand-off, the Hertfordshire vice-captain, Alan Jones, whose pedigree includes Letchworth Wilmslow and England colts.


Taylor: fit to play in Wasps' merit table game.

Rosslyn Park will hasten back down the motorway for a big day of entertainment at Roehampton tomorrow in aid of the Spinal Injuries Association in the Year of the Disabled. The bar opens at noon, the fun begins at 1.0 and the climax (kick off 3.0) will be a match between an International XV and the Rugby Club of London Superstars. Upwards of 25 international players, of mixed vintages, will be parading their skills.

Scots plan new stand

The Scottish Rugby Union are planning a new £2m East Stand at Murrayfield. Plans have been submitted to Edinburgh District Council for a stand with seating accommodation for 10,700, sited directly opposite the present main stand, which seats 15,000.

Rugby League

Reilly forced to give his knees best

By Keith Macklin

The heavily bandaged knees of the Castleford coach, Malcolm Reilly, whose campaign ribbons go back to the late 60s, have defeated the attempts of the skilful Castleford veteran to knit them together for *one more big game.*

Last night Reilly said: "I don't really think I will make the Yorkshire Cup final. My knee is hurting and I will not play if *there is a danger of* my hobbling off after 10 minutes. It would not be fair to the lads."

In his team for today's final, with Bradford Northern at Headingley, Reilly names the international centre, Joyner, at stand-off half. "This will give John more room to start moves," Reilly said, "and he can do a good defensive job there."

Bradford Northern have their goal-kicking full back, Mumby, back in action following a knee infection and and Hale is preferred at centre to Redfearn. Neither Bradford Northern nor Castleford have inspired their supporters in the league this season. Both have won only two games, and the Castleford defence *has conceded* 131 points in six first division matches.

However, both teams have lifted their form in the Yorkshire Cup games, and Northern have had the tougher progress to the final, with three away games against Castleford's three home games.

It will be a battle between Castleford's attacking flair and Northern's often dour, but always effective, all-round professionalism. It may be that Castleford's extra pace in attack will give them the cup they last won in 1977, but they will have to tighten their defence.

Cardiff City are continuing to woo the Cardiff and Wales Rugby Union scrum half, Holmes, and are reputed to have stepped up their offer to the player to £45,000.

Barrow, who have been seeking for some time to strengthen their pack, have signed the experienced Wigan forward, Melling. In view of the high fees *being* asked for many of today's transfer-listed players, the £8,000 fee is a bargain.

Hockey

Juniors switch thoughts to raising morale

By Sydney Friskin

The fifteenth annual hockey festival of the Northern Club at Great Crosby, near Liverpool, starts at 11.0 am today with a match between Purley and the England Juniors, playing as the Shadows. Later in the day the Shadows have a match against Hightown and, after starting tomorrow's programme against Norton, will bring the event to a close by playing the Lancashire President's XI.

England's juniors originally came into this event expecting it to be part of their training had they qualified for the junior *World Cup tournament in Kuala* Lumpur. Now they have not, it is just a matter of honouring a commitment, raising morale, keeping the system going and perhaps *maintaining hope for the future.*

Clubs get down to the more serious business of competition today with the start of the London League and the East League, sponsored by Norwich Union. There has been a miniature "transfer market" among clubs in the south of England and, as usual, the strongest sides have acquired the best talent.

Tulse Hill are at home to Hounslow in one of those early London League key matches which ought to be interesting. Hounslow's ranks are reinforced by Precious, of Oxford University, and they are likely to field Charanjit, the brother of Bhaura, who plays for England. Slough report they have a full side avail*able for their home match against* Dulwich but have lost Andrew Churcher who has retired.

Westcliff, East League champions in the premier division, begin their campaign away, against Norwich Grasshoppers, with an experienced side which includes John French. They are equally well fortified for tomorrow's game at Brentwood in the Essex club championship.

Many counties throughout the country are playing tomorrow in preparation for the championship which starts on October 25. Kent, *former champions,* are at home to Oxfordshire at Tulse Hill where both sides will be trying out new talent.

Equestrianism

Miss Oliver in lead as British dominate

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Victoria Oliver and her former *highly successful small show hun*ter, Crown of Crowns, who has now gone on to bigger and better things, are in the lead for the Midland Bank international open class (CCI) at the Wylye horse trials after yesterday's dressage.

Josephine Marsh-Smith and Tudor Court, who last year won at Osberton, are lying third at this juncture, below Mary Benstead-Smith from Kent on her virtually unknown Rustic Rambler. So, at this stage, British riders are the dominant force among the seven competing nations—the others being Ireland, New Zealand, Sweden, West Germany, Italy and the United States.

In the national novice two-day event, Sue Benson on *Regent Street is four points better than* Colin Wares on Small Print, who is owned by Mrs Olive Jackson. Mrs Benson has an eight-point lead over Lucinda Prior-Palmer on Tokyo Bay.

There is an entry of 340 for Wylye, whose primary function has always been to cater for the young, potential international horses.

MIDLAND BANK INTERNATIONAL: Open class: 1, Miss V Oliver's Crown of Crowns 46.20 penalty points; 2, Miss M Benstead-Smith's Rustic Rambler 48.80; 3, Mrs J Marsh-Smith's Tudor Court 54.6. Junior class: 1, Miss J Sainsbury's Mr Moon 35.53; 2, Miss F Fawcus's Blue Max II 36.3; 3, D Weymouth's Caitrin Creer 36.9.
NATIONAL NOVICE: Section 1: 1, Mrs S Benson's Regent Street 27; 2, C Ware's Small Print 31; 3, Overseas Containers Ltd's Tokyo Bay (Miss L Prior-Palmer) 35. Section 2: 1, Miss A M Hancock's The Border Raider 29; 2, Miss M O'Grady's Annie's Lad 31; 3, Miss T Gate's Jet Ranger 35.

☐ The former international show jumper, Ted Edgar, had a clear round in his brush with the British *Show Jumping Association* yesterday, the Press Association reports. Stewards of the association threw out a complaint about his behaviour in a Dublin restaurant in August. They decided there was no case to answer and dismissed the complaint without hearing evidence from the former show jumper. The association were investigating a report that Edgar had sworn at one of the British teams Irish drivers while they were in Dublin for the annual horse show.

Sport in brief

Dutch yacht leads way to Cape Town

The Dutch yacht, Flyer, leading in the 26,000-mile round-the-world race, should reach Cape Town, the first port of call, on Monday or Tuesday, the organisers said today, Reuter reports.

The sloop, skippered by Cornelis van Rietschoten, had last reported midday yesterday being 736 miles from Cape Town and with more wind could complete the first 7,000-mile stage late on Sunday. Some 50 to 60 miles behind is the French boat Charles Heidsieck III, followed by Kriter IX (France) and FCF Challenger (Britain) which has lost time because of a broken mainsail track.

Bubblegum (Britain) the smallest yacht in the race, reported it had a fractured chain plate and broken steering cables after hitting a whale. An Italian sloop, La Barca Laboratorio, is making for Recife, Brazil, for repairs after being dismasted.

● The former Liverpool reserve, Billy McLure, steps into football's World Cup limelight when he plays for New Zealand against China in the second Asia Oceania group play-off match in Wellington today. McLure, aged 23, who was *born* in Liverpool, has been called into the New Zealand side as a replacement for Steve Wooddin, who is serving a one-match ban.

● The most publicized man in Israel this weekend is the Egyptian tennis player, Aly Eldawoody, who arrived here last night to compete in the $50,000 grand prix tournament which starts on *Monday.* Eldawoody, aged 29, will be the first Egyptian sportsman to compete in Israel, nearly four years after President Anwar Sadat came to Jerusalem on his historic peace mission. "I have never received suc ha warm welcome anywhere in the world," Eldawoody said.

Athletics

Ovett doubtful for Games

Brisbane, Oct 2.—A meeting between Steve Ovett and Sebastian Coe at next year's Commonwealth Games here is unlikely, Gordon *Wright, Britain's manager for the pre-Games invitation meeting,* said today.

The trial Games, which started today, are being used as a test of venues and facilities for the real thing beginning on September 30, 1982. "There's every chance Ovett won't come to Brisbane next year and rumours circulating to this effect could be close to the truth," *Mr Wright said.*

However, he added that it was difficult to predict events so far ahead, especially with growing demands on world champion athletes. Ovett, who will run in the 800 metres tomorrow at the trial Games, has avoided committing himself for 1982.

Mike McLeod, winner of the Golden 10,000 metres earlier this year, won the pre-Games 5,000 metres, the last event of the opening day. He outsprinted the Kenyan, Kip Koskei, *over* the last 200 metres

Koskei, who had led for most of the previous 12 laps, crossed the line over two seconds behind McLeod with the West German Thomas Wessinghage, third in 13:46.94.

*Koskei later denied that his gov*ernment had ordered him *not to* compete against New Zealanders. Shortly before the race, officials announced that New Zealand's John Bowden would take *part*, against a background of reports that Koskei's appearance would see him *barred* by the Kenya Athletics Association.

New Zealand's team manage[r] Graham McCabe, denied Bowde[n's] name had deliberately been o[mit]ted from the printed program[me]. "Bowden's name was declare[d at] 7 pm last night and the omi[ssion] is entirely *the fault of Austr[alian]* officials," Mr McCabe said.

Koskei said that he had re[ceived] no message from Kenyan of[ficials] threatening to bar him if h[e com]peted against New Zealand[ers].

RESULTS: Men: 400m: 1, R [illegible] (GB) 47.20sec; 2, T Bennet[t] 47.64; 3, J Fleming (Australia) 5,000m: 1, M McLeod (GB) 34.70sec; 2, K Koskei 13:46.74; 3, T Wessinghage 13:46.94. Long jump: 1, R [illegible] (GB) 7.84m; 2, S Walsh (NZ) 3, S Knott (Australia) 7.35.

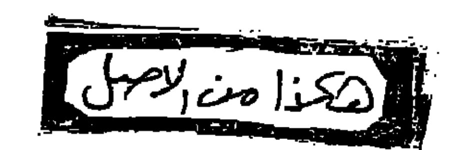
Large field is a reflection

By Michael Coleman

One hundred and ninety six women have entered the first 10-mile national road race championship which starts at Barnet Copthall Stadium, in Hendon, London, tomorrow. This is the largest entry ever received for a women's road race. It reflects the introduction of the marathon for women in the European and world championships and in the next Olympic Games.

Sponsored by Avon Cosmetics, the Hendon event will include *Joyce Smith (Barnet Ladies), run*ning her first big race since injuring herself in the London Marathon on March 29. A[s] fastest over this distance [with a] best time of 53min 17sec, [she will] be hard pressed to hold of[f] Penny (Cambridge [illegible] 55:23), Gillian Drake ([illegible] Harriers, 55:59), who be[illegible] valescing Mrs Smith [illegible] Amersham "5" on Septe[mber] and Carol Gould (Barnet[illegible]).

Other members of the marathon squad, like Les[ley Wat]son, Julie Barleycorn, Hassan and Gillian Burle[y] have packed several ma[rathons] under their belts since *Mr[s Smith] was sidelined, will also* [try] to finish in front of the champion for a change.



Football

Southampton pair reluctant to prolong Allison's happiness

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Malcolm Allison, sacked as manager of both Manchester City and Crystal Palace last season, was yesterday invited back to England. He will make his reappearance with his new club, Sporting Lisbon, who were drawn against Southampton in the second round of the Uefa Cup, at the Dell on October 21 when he will face two of his former players, Channon and Watson.

"Some people wrote me off last season", he said yesterday, "but I'm not worried about proving them wrong. We beat Red Boys of Luxembourg 11—0 on aggregate in the first round, we are top of the League and unbeaten, and I am having a good time. But then a manager is always happy when he is winning. Lisbon approached me last April and I accompanied them on tours to Venezuela and Bulgaria. I have no regrets about leaving England."

Mr Allison, who works as the coach with Srecko Radistic, once of Real Madrid, is not the only one with intimate knowledge of the opposition. Lawrie McMenemy's assistant, John Mortimer, spent three years in Lisbon in charge of Benfica. "When we go out there on November 4", he warned, "they will be roared on by a fanatical crowd of 50,000."

Liverpool and Aston Villa, who both strolled through the first round of the European Cup, are paired with familiar opponents. Liverpool, the holders, take on AZ 67 Alkmaar, beaten by the odd goal in nine by Ipswich Town in the Uefa Cup final in May. Alkmaar, at home for the first leg, won the Dutch Cup as well as winning the championship by 12 points last season but they have since lost their leading scorer, Welzl, and are currently only fifth.

Before the season began, Villa took on and beat the East German national side 4—2 at Villa Park and most of that side will be returning in a month with Dynamo Dresden, champions for the past three years. Nottingham Forest needed a dramatic victory in the shadow of the Berlin wall after losing at home to put them out of the same competition last year.

Both Liverpool and Villa will be pleased to have avoided Bayern Munich, champions between 1974 and 1976, and Benfica, who ended Real Madrid's majestic five-year reign in 1961. The two former giants face each other. Glentoran, Northern Ireland's representatives, play CSKA Sofia and Juventus, unbeaten in the Italian League under the guidance of Brady, meet the Belgian champions, Anderlecht.

Tottenham Hotspur, England's representatives in the Cup Winners' Cup, must make only a short journey over the Irish Sea to Dundalk. Spurs, superb in both of their meetings with Ajax, would be wise not to underrate their opponents, who are the most successful Irish side in Europe. They have lost only four ties in the last seven years and two years ago went down only 3—2 on aggregate to Celtic. Their last European defeat at Oriel Park was as long ago as 1968 when Rangers beat them in the then Fairs Cup.

After the early departure of Ipswich Town, the only holders to fall in the first round, and West Bromwich Albion, Arsenal are left to accompany Southampton in the Uefa Cup. They start with home advantage against an unknown quantity in Winterslag, a Belgian club who are only beginning to find their way around Europe.

Scotland's two remaining sides, Aberdeen and Dundee United, face awkward trips to Romania and West Germany respectively. Aberdeen, conquerors of Ipswich, meet Arges Pitesti, another of Forest's victims two years ago. Alex Ferguson, Aberdeen's manager, commented: "I'm sure it will help us, having beaten the holders, because the Romanians are bound to be cautious."

Dundee's manager, Jim McLean, described the draw against Borussia Mönchengladbach as "the most attractive in my 10 years with the club".


Allison: left with no regrets.

Full European draws

European Cup

SECOND ROUND: Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) v Red Star Belgrade; Anderlecht v Juventus; AZ Alkmaar v Liverpool; CSKA Sofia v Glentoran; KB Copenhagen v Universitatea Craiova (Romania); Benfica v Bayern Munich; Austria Vienna v Dynamo Kiev; Dynamo Berlin v Aston Villa.

Cup Winners Cup

SECOND ROUND: Legia Warsaw v Lausanne; Ska Rostov (USSR) v Eintracht Frankfurt; Dukla Prague v Barcelona; Porto v Roma; Dundalk v Tottenham Hotspur; Vasa Budapest v Standard Liège; Lokomotiv Leipzig v Velez Mostar (Yugoslavia); Bastia v Dynamo Tbilisi.

Uefa Cup

SECOND ROUND: Southampton v Sporting Lisbon; Real Madrid v Carl Zeiss Jena; Grasshopper Zurich v Radnicki Nis (Yugoslavia); Aris Salonica v Lokeren (Belgium); Rapid Vienna v PSV Eindhoven; Valencia v Boavista (Portugal); Malmo v Neuchatel Xamax; Girondins Bordeaux v Hamburg; Spartak Moscow v Kaiserslautern (West Germany); Arsenal v Winterslag (Belgium); Aberdeen v Arges Pitesti (Romania); Feyenoord v Dynamo Dresden; Internazionale Milan v Dynamo Bucharest; Sturm Graz (Austria) v IFK Göteborg; Borussia Mönchengladbach v Dundee United; Beveren Waas (Belgium) v Hajduk Split.

First leg games to be played on October 21; second legs on November 4.

Costliest pair on show but only one can play

By Stuart Jones

The two most expensive footballers in Britain wil be on view at Old Trafford today. Bryan Robson, though, will not be wearing the red shirt of Manchester United but a suit. When he signs in front of his new supporters for £1.5m, he will take over the burden of the costliest player borne by Andy Gray since he also publicly put pen to paper at Molineaux two years and three weeks ago.

Robson will make his first appearance at White Hart Lane next week but there are some United players who may well be making their last against Wolverhampton Wanderers. Dave Sexton, United's former manager now at Coventry City, has already made enquiries about Coppell, for whom he has offered £750,000. Missing from today's game are Macari, who is still unfit and McQueen who is replaced by Moran. Eves, who scored Wolves's first goal for 426 minutes last Saturday, is doubtful.

Robertson, who ended West Bromwich Albion' evesn longer barren period in midweek, is the only doubt troubling Ronnie Allen for the visit of Middlesbrough, for whom Thomson makes his bow. Mr Allen was informed yesterday that he could spend all £2m that he reecived from United and is looking to rebuild hit tattered side with a new striker, winger and midfield player.

John Toshack is another manager whose preparations were far from ideal. Yesterday he was a pallbearer at the funeral of Bill Shankly, who inspired the growth of Liverpool and then influenced Swansea City's progress. It is appropriate that the two teams should meet at Anfield today because half of the Welsh side are old friends from Merseyside, including Stanley, signed from Everton during the week.

Hartford, another to leave Everton in the past few days, is not available for Manchester City, who visit Brighton, but that leaves John Bond without any selection problems. He has only 11 fit players.

Parkes, of West Ham United, and Brazil, of Ipswich Town, also had appointments with the surgeon yesterday. Parkes, who will be out for a month, is replaced by McAlister, who arrived on a free transfer from Swindon during the summer, and Brooking comes in for Allen.

Brazil finally ended his period as a pin cushion at Aberdeen and, although he will be out for three weeks, at least he will not have to endure any more painkilling injections in his foot. Thijssen also misses the game at Southampton but Burley, a spectator for eight months, begins his comeback in the reserves.

Shaw continues his recovery and his partnership with Withe at Leeds but Morley, selected for England B, is again omitted. Leeds, who welcome back Hart and Eddie Gray in place of the injured Flynn and Greenhoff, are currently bottom, but Allan Clarke their *manager, said*: "Once everybody's fit and we add a couple of players to the squad, we'll be up with the leaders." There is nothing like optimism.

Club-country conflict again hinders England's chances

From Gerry Harrison
Sydney, Oct 2

The weaknesses in the structure of English football placed a heavy burden on the inexperienced shoulders of a group of young players heading for the third World Youth Championships in *Australia*.

When the England squad gathered in London over the weekend before flying to Sydney on Monday, it was the first time all 18 players had been together. Because this championship, sponsored by Coca-Cola and between 16 nations, is open to players born after August, 1961, it is basically an under-20 tournament. In that age group there are plenty of first-team Football League players of considerable experience. Yet in the sordid old conflict between club and country, the clubs have won by a knockout with a couple of low blows.

Players like Caton (Manchester City), Mackenzie (West Bromwich Albion), Walsh (Charlton Athletic), Barham (Norwich City) and a dozen other talented performers were not considered because their clubs would not release them. Worse, a handful of players originally released and selected for the trip—like Pates (Chelsea), Kite (Bristol Rovers) and Bennett (Bolton)—were forced to withdraw at the last moment by their clubs who urgently required their services.

This tournament comes at a difficult time for all European clubs. The North and South Americans—Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay Mexico and the United States—have just finished their seasons. Yet once again the Football Association have shown their strength only in the numbers and status of the officials travelling to Australia. If the competition was worth entering—and what better way is there for young players to gain an international education?—it was worth entering with a genuinely representative squad. Otherwise, a polite refusal might have been better.

Thus John Cartwright, England's full-time youth team manager, is left to pick up the pieces. From his privately fought battles he has emerged with great credit. So too have the managers of a number of clubs like Reading, Wimbledon, Leicester City and Fulham who have released first-team players they can ill-afford to lose. The England captain, Paul Allen, has played a vital part in West Ham United's fine start to the season, yet his availability was never in doubt.

The early favourites are the better prepared South American teams, particularly Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay; West Germany and Italy lead the European challenge. The matches in the four groups begin tomorrow and the final is on October 18 at Sydney. England's team to play Cameroon tomorrow is:

M Kendall; P Southey, N Banfield, S Robson, P Crosby, P Allen, A Peake, G Dey, A Finnigan, D Wallace, S Kinsey.

Tennis

Lewis gives his best but Clerc is unyielding

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Buenos Aires, Oct 2

Argentina's first appearance in the final of the Davis Cup now seems assured. With a doubles and two reverse singles to play, they lead Britain 2—0. Today José-Luis Clerc beat Richard Lewis 6—4, 6—4, 6—0 then *Guillermo Vilas* subdued Christopher Mottram 6—3, 6—1, 6—1 in a match far more arduous than the score suggests.

The tall, blond, left-handed Lewis played as close to the limit of his resources as makes no difference but he was eventually outclassed, as most players are when opposing Clerc on a slow court. Mottram was not so much outclassed as outplayed. He made a great effort of mind and muscle but Vilas trumped every card he played. Britain's pertinacity and good sense were simply not enough to make much impression on the awfully formidable tasks that confronted them.

A cloudlessly sunny spring day was perfect for tennis and the court's periphery was embellished by flowers transferred to the arena complete with the sods in which they were rooted. The setting was so charming that even the uninhibited lung power of soft drink salesmen moving among the crowd exhausted no one's reserves of tolerance. The public could not have asked for more from the first act on the bill—except, perhaps, in terms of excitement and dramatic uncertainty.

"In the first two sets I thought he was nervous and I took advantage and played well," Lewis said when he came off court. "I don't think I played much worse in the third set, but he played very well and took command. On that form he's the best player I've met apart from Borg."

It was always evident that, whereas Lewis could play no better, Clerc would improve whenever his confidence was high enough to permit his enviable talents to bloom in their full splendour. Clerc had a sounder, more facile command of pace on both flanks. When he hit freely, swinging the ball deep to the corners with backhands and forehands in turn, there was little to suggest that Lewis could either contain or counter Clerc's wider skills.

Nor could Lewis attack with assurance. His approach shots were not good enough to discourage Clerc from hitting bold passing shots, notably cross-court backhands. So Lewis was reduced to doggedly *shrewd sparring*, occasional attempts to break up the pattern of the rallies, and vain hopes that Clerc's nerves might let him down. In other words Lewis had no chance of winning unless Clerc opened the door for him and left it open.

Such a tantalizing prospect briefly appeared when Lewis led 3—0 in the second set, having conceded only four points. But Clerc's relief at having won the first set had merely induced a temporary loss of momentum. From 3—0 up Lewis was to win only one more game in the match. Indeed, he was soon struggling for points rather than games. In losing 12 of the last 13 games, Lewis scored only *19 points*.

The second match sporadically aroused a more passionate response from a packed crowd sweltering in the heat of the afternoon. There was much waving of flags and chanting of the name "Vilas" because this national hero has achieved more than any other player in Argentina's history. There was much fuss about an intrusively itinerant camera trolley and a crew of two and there were only half-successful efforts to marshall the extraordinary assembly of 60 or so sundries who were allowed to the fringes of the playing area.

Finally, the desperately frustrated Mottram got the public on his back because of his persistent "moonballing" (tactics that *lamentably failed to sap his opponent's* mental or physical stamina). Mottram had tried everything else and nothing had worked.

Australia weakened: Australia meet the United States in the other semi-final, at Portland, Paul McNamee, who has a back injury, and John Fitzgerald, who suffered a seizure and collapsed during practice on Monday. *Mark* Edmondson opens the tie in a match against John McEnroe, of the United States.

SAN REMO: Davis Cup, qualifying tie: Italy lead South Korea 2—0 (C Barazzutti beat Woo Ryong Lee 6—0, 6—2, 6—5; A Panatta beat Choon Ho Kim 6—1, 6—4, 7—5).

Olympic Games

Coe given credit for IOC's change of heart in defining an amateur

From Norman Fox
Sports Correspondent
Baden-Baden, Oct 2

In true keeping with their past, but not unwisely, the International Olympic Committee today unveiled a compromise on the modern definition of an amateur. They retained their own rule but allowed sports federations to write their own interpretations.

Any sport thinking of a loose interpretation, allowing recognised professionals to compete in the Olympic Games, should be dissuaded by the IOC's wording of a bye-law to Eligibility Rule 26. The law says that while each international federation is responsible for the wording of the eligibility code relating to its sport, this must be approved by the IOC Executive Board.

Willi Daume, chairman of the Eligibility Commission, made it clear that the IOC reserved the right to have the last say in this matter. The effect is that the IOC come into line with the International Amateur Athletic Federation who say that national associations must control the money that an athlete can obtain through advertising and other means.

Although Mr Daume claimed the IOC's action would bring about greater honesty and less *abuse of* the eligibility rule, there is unlikely to be any dramatic change in the present situation, merely a slight easing of conscience. Even Mr Daume's statement that "an athlete cannot appoint a broker or an agent to sign a contract on his behalf" will not place too many fresh obstacles in the way of a shrewd competitor.

None the less, the change of emphasis toward recognition of reality will make it easier for athletes *openly* to accept assistance through their national governing bodies.

The IOC maintain they have moved no nearer to professionalism. Mr Daume admitted that in some cases, particularly football and tennis, difficulties would remain and he felt that a 100 per cent satisfactory definition did not exist. All that the IOC insisted upon was that no athlete should be paid directly, but that he or she should not be expected to suffer "material loss".

Rule 26 now says that a competitor must not have "received any financial rewards or material benefit in connexion with his or her sports participation, except as permitted by the by-law to this rule." A declared professional in one sport is still debarred from competing in another at the Olympic Games.

Sebastian Coe is taking much credit for what change of heart has taken place. Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president said: "His speech was decisive in drafting Rule 26. The athletes have been promised by him that they will only have to ask to obtain assistance in forming a *representative body*.

The progress towards a less rigid concept of the Olympian came on the same day that the IOC permitted into their club two women members, Pirio Haggman, of Finland, and Flor Fonseca, of Venezuela, and Lord Exeter, that staunch defender of the true amateur, was elevated to honorary vice-president.


Mrs Haggman: one of the first two women members

Lord Exeter also received the Gold Medal for outstanding service to the IOC and Pope John Paul II was offered a similar award for his encouragement for the Olympic Movement. Another medal awarded today had been withheld for 29 years. Ingemar Johansson, the Swedish former world heavyweight boxing champion, was finally given the Olympic silver medal that was kept from him in the Games of 1952. Johansson appeared in the final but was disqualified for "not trying".

Cricket

Pakistan will not tour West Indies

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Oct 2.—Pakistan have called off a proposed tour of the Caribbean next year, the West Indies Cricket Board of Control said last night. It was to have replaced a visit by New Zealand, which was cancelled because of the South African rugby tour of that country.

The board's statement said: "The West Indies Cricket Board of Control has received a letter from the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan declining its invitation to tour the West Indies in February-April 1982, in the following terms: You will appreciate that our players have been playing non-stop cricket for a considerable period—hence it would not be possible to avail of your kind invitation.

"This decision has been received with great regret by the board because the tour had been verbally accepted by the secretary of the BCCP at the International Cricket Conference in July this year." The West Indies board will decide at their meeting in November whether it is feasible for another country to tour.—Reuter.

Hendrick joins forces with Rice and Hadlee

Mike Hendrick, the England fast-medium bowler who left Derbyshire at the end of the last season, has accepted terms offered him by the county champions, Nottinghamshire. Hendrick, aged 32, whose high action and consistency have made him one of the most respected bowlers in the English game, had been with Derbyshire *since making his county* debut in 1969.

Although his career has been disrupted by injury, he will be a valuable addition to an attack which already boasts Clive Rice and Richard Hadlee, two of the world's leading fast bowlers.

☐ The Derbyshire and New Zealand opening batsman, John Wright, has withdrawn from a double-wicket tournament in Welkum, South Africa, Reuter reports from Christchurch.

Their decision was criticized by New Zealand cricket officials who feared it might compromise New Zealand's position with the International Cricket Conference. Wright said: "I did not realize what a commotion our proposed appearance was causing, so I have opted out. It was perhaps a premature decision to accept

Rules tightened for village championship

By John Woodcock

To guard against the Samuel Whitbread village cricket championship losing its intended character, and to encourage the entry of more smaller villages, the organizers (*The Cricketer* magazine) have decided to exclude clubs which play in a league containing professional cricketers. Also ruled out are clubs which played this year or last in the John Haig Tophy for fully-fledged clubs.

In addition, a stricter interpretation of the rule which defines a village is to be observed: "A village shall be deemed to be a rural community surrounded on all sides by open country and consisting of not more than 2,500 inhabitants".

Widely popular as the competition is, it has undoubtedly attracted pot hunters who field sides with only the most tenuous links with the villages they represent. At the same time, the days are gone when an accurate representation of village cricket was a picture of the blacksmith at play.

KARACHI: One-day match: Pakistan XI 63; International XI 64 for 3. International XI won by 7 wickets.

Golf

Fernandez a master on imperfect greens

From Lewine Mair
Barcelona, Oct 2

That most unassuming of professionals, Vicente Fernandez, cannot believe just how well he has putted in handing in two successive 67s to take the halfway lead in the Spanish Open at El Prat.

Today he holed from 15 yards across the first green to open with a birdie and had no more than 29 putts in all. Yesterday, though, when the greens are decidedly the worse for wear, he found it just as easy. He got down from eight yards for his birdie at the eighth while there was nothing more vital than the ten footer he eased into the hole to save his par at the short 17th.

Tony Johnstone, who hails from Zimbabwe, arrived in second place, on 135, when he holed from 40 feet for an eagle at th ninth. Johnstone, a bearded young man who recently lost out to Manuel Pinero in a play-off for the Swiss Open looks at the adrdess, as if he is being asked to grip a red hot poker rather than a golf club.

He shuffles his hands uneasily before every shot and, though he has succeeded on cutting down on these preliminaries, is all to conscious of the fact that he still has some way to go. The trouble started, he explained, when he switched to a Vardon grip

Among the British contingent, Mark James joined Johnstone on 135 when, at the end of the day, he came up with a 67 in which his patience was more than once sorely tried as putts heading for the hole jumped to one side.

Sam Torrance, who had led the field at the end of the first day, could do no better than 72. He had a six at the 545 yards 15th—his sixth—after having hit his drive under a tree and, within the space of the next six holes, had two three putt greens.

As for Neil Coles, he had a 69 which took in a seven at the 501 yards tenth. Straying from the fairway for just about the first time in his round, his ball lodged up a tree, never to be seen again.



SECOND ROUND SCORES: 134: V Fernandez (Argentina), 67, 67. 135: J Johnstone (Zimbabwe), 68, 67; M James (GB), 68, 67. 136: J M Canizares (Spain), 67, 69. 137: N Coles (GB), 68, 69; S Torrance (GB), 65, 72. 138: A Garrido (Spain), 69, 69; G Grand (GB), 68, 70; S Ballesterous (Spain), 71, 67. 139: W Longmuir (GB), 69, 70; S Martin (GB), 67, 72; S Bishop (GB), 67, 73. 140: J Hall (GB), 68, 72; E Polland (Ireland), 72, 68; N Job (GB), 72, 68. 141: J Anglada (Spain), 68, 73; M Miller (GB), 71, 70; M Pinero (Spain), 70, 71; C O'Connor Junior (Ireland), 72, 69; T Britz (SA), 68, 73; M Ramos (Spain), 73, 68. Other British scores: 142: M Poxon 73, 69; N Faldo 71, 71; K Brown 68, 74. 143: T Horton 73, 70; C Tucker 72, 71; R Drummond 72, 71; P Carrigill 69, 74; C Mason 70, 73. 144: C Moody 71, 73; B Barnes 72, 72; G Manson 69, 75; G Logan 75, 69; I Moser 70, 74. 146: P Curry 72, 73; K Athdown 68, 77; T Powell 72, 73. 146: S Bennett 71, 75; B Marchbank 71, 75; I Woosnam 70, 76; P Tupling 73, 74. 147: J Heggarty (Ireland) 76, 71.

England fade at the finish

England, the European champions, had the world junior cup snatched from their grasp when the United States produced a storming finish over the last five holes to retain the title by 2—1 at *Portmarnock, Dublin, yesterday.*

In a repeat of last year's final at St Andrew's, Martin Thompson and Michael Few of England held the advantage when they won the morning foursomes by two holes and were then one up in each of the singles with only five holes to play. But Thompson, the reigning Yorkshire junior champion, lost to *the 17-year-old scratch player,* Billy Andrade.

Then Few, the Norfolk amateur champion, went down by 2 and 1

FINAL (US names first): B Andrade and S Randolph lost to M Thompson and M Few 2 holes; Andrade beat Thompson 1 hole, Randolph beat Few 2 and 1. Third and fourth place play-off: Spain 2, Scotland 1.

For the record

Badminton

HONGKONG: International tournament, *men's singles*: Chen Tienlung (China) beat R Stevens (England), 14—17, 15—11, 15—5. Women's singles: Wu Jiangqiu (China) beat G Gilks (England), 7—11, 11—2, 11—0; Xu Rong (China) beat S Podger (England), 11—0, 14—13. Mixed doubles: Jiang Guoliang and Wu Jianqiu (China) beat K Jolly and Mrs Gilks (England), 15—11, 13—9; Chen Tienlung and Xu Rong (China) beat Stevens and Mrs Podger, 15—5, 15—5.

Golf

SAN ANTONIO: Texas Open, first round leaders: 63: C Stadler. 64: B Lietzke. 65: B Crenshaw; C Coody; W Britton; R Eastwood; R Maltbie. 66: G Morgan; G McCord; J Colbert; W Levi; M Sullivan. 67: W Rogers; R Murphey; D A Weibring. Other scores include: 69: B Cole (SA). 70: B Devlin (Australia). 72: G Player (SA). 73: J Gonzalez (Brazil). 74: P Oosterhuis (GB).

Squash rackets

STOCKHOLM: International Federation championship: England 2, New Zealand 1 (G Briars lost to R Norman 10—8, 9—1, 7—9, 2—9, 1—9; P Kenyon beat C Blackwood 9—5, 9—4, 9—3; I Robinson beat N Barbour 9—7, 9—6, 9—3); Pakistan 3, Scotland 0 (Jehangir Khan beat C Wilson 9—2, 9—1, 9—2; Qamar Zaman beat G Blair 9—0, 9—0, 9—1; Maqsood Ahmad beat J McGee 9—3, 9—0, 9—6); Egypt 3, Sweden 0; Australia 3, United States 0; Nigeria 2, Netherlands 1; Canada 2, Zimbabwe 1; Kuwait 2, Norway 1; Finland 3, West Germany 0; Singapore 2, Ireland 1.

Tennis

MADRID: Grand Prix tournament, third round: P Arraya (Peru) beat R Stadler (Switzerland), 6—4, 7—5. Quarter-final: I Lendl (Czechoslovakia) beat J Nystrom (Sweden), 6—3, 6—2; A Gomez (Ecuador) beat J Fillol (Chile), 3—6, 6—0, 6—3; Arraya beat T Smid (Czechoslovakia) 6—4, 6—4; J Lopez-Maeso (Spain) beat P Rebolledo (Chile) 6—4, 4—6, 6—3.
BLOOMINGTON: US Women's Indoor championship: B Potter beat A Hobbs (GB), 6—2, 6—1; S Walsh beat M Jausovec (Yugoslavia), 6—1, 6—2; M Navratilova beat L Romanov (Romania), 6—3, 6—1.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston Astros 8, Cincinnati Reds 1; San Francisco Giants 6, Atlanta Braves 2; Montreal Expos 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 2; St Louis Cardinals 3, Philadelphia Phillies 2 (10 innings); San Diego Padres 1, Los Angeles Dodgers 0.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 5, Detroit Tigers 4 (10 innings).

Yesterday's results

Fourth division

Colchester (2) 5	Northampton (0) 1
Coleman, Allinson (pen), Bremner (2), McDonough	Denyer (pen) 2,760
Crewe A (0) 0 4,604	Port Vale (1) 2 N Chamberlain, M Chamberlain

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Sheffield United 0, Derby County 0.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Salford 17, Workington Town 16.

Boxing

Hagler defends world title for third time

Rosemont, Illinois, Oct 2.—Marvin Hagler will defend his world middleweight championship against the Syrian-born Mustafa Hamsho in this Chicago suburb tomorrow. On the same bill Mike Weaver will defend his World Boxing Association heavyweight title against James Tillis.

Hagler, aged 29, will be putting at stake for the third time the title he won from Alan Minter in September last year. There is much speculation about a match with the welterweight champion, Sugar Ray Leonard, next year, so Hagler will want to impress against a brawling fighter

His previous defences were against Fulgencio Obelmejias, of Venezuela, and the former champion, Vito Antuofermo. He is vastly experienced, with 43 of his 50 wins coming inside the distance; he has been beaten only twice and has boxed two draws.

Hamsho, aged 27, who slipped ship at Providence, Rhode Island, in 1974 to enter the United States illegally, would be the first Syrian world champion; but the title will soon be back in the United States if he does win, as he is in the process of obtaining American citizenship.

Nineteen of his 32 victims failed to go the distance and his only defeat came at the beginning of his career when he took on a light-heavyweight. He has also boxed one draw. He is the World Boxing Council's official challenger and third in the WBA rankings. His last victory was a 10-round points win over Minter in June.

It will be only Weaver's second title defence in 18 months and he does not enjoy the same reputation as the WBC champion, Larry Holmes, who defeated Weaver in 1979 before he became world champion. Weaver, aged 29, a Californian, has 23 wins against nine defeats, and he only accepted the bout with Tillis to avoid being stripped of his title. He had hoped to arrange a contest with Gerry Cooney, and go on to confront Holmes.

Tillis, aged 24, a former cowboy from Tulsa, Oklahoma, has won 16 of his 20 bouts inside the distance and is the WBA's number two contender. He is ranked seventh by the WBC.—Agence France-Presse.

Grand Prix will count

Johannesburg, Oct 2.—The South African formula one grand prix will be held at Kyalami on January 23 and will count towards the 1982 world drivers' championship.

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

First division

Birmingham v West Ham Utd
Brighton v Manchester City
Leeds v Aston Villa
Liverpool v Swansea
Manchester U v Wolverhampton
Notts County v Arsenal
Southampton v Ipswich
Stoke v Everton
Sunderland v Coventry
Tottenham H v Nottm Forest
West Brom v Middlesbrough

Second division

Bolton v Grimsby
Cambridge Utd v Chelsea
Cardiff v Newcastle
Charlton v Derby
Leicester v Crystal Palace
Norwich v Oldham
Orient v Luton
Q. P. Rangers v Blackburn
Sheffield Wed v Wrexham
Shrewsbury v Rotherham
Watford v Barnsley

FA CUP: Second qualifying round: Basingstoke Town v Hillingdon Borough; Bedford Town v Barton Rovers; Billericay Town v Welling United; Bognor Regis Town v Addlestone and Weybridge; Burgess Hill Town v Walton and Hersham; Croydon v Epsom and Ewell; *Dulwich Hamlet v Farnham Town*; Deal Town v Ashford Town; Dunstable v Walthamstow Avenue; Hastings United v Canterbury City; Hendon v Banbury United; Hertford Town v Finchley; Uxbridge Swifts v Wisbech Town; Irthlingborough Diamonds v Tring Town; Kingstonian v Hampton; Lewes v Wembley; Leytonstone and Ilford v Woodford Town; Leyton-Wingate v St Albans City; Maidenhead United v Harrow Borough; Newbury Town v Wealdstone; Pagham v Banstead Athletic; Slough Town v Wokingham Town; Thame United v Feltham; Tonbridge AFC v Dover; Uxbridge v Carshalton Athletic; Wick v Farnborough Town; Witney Town v Southall.
Whitley Bay v Consett; South Bank v Durham City; Tow Law v Horden Colliery; Lancaster City v Ashington; Chester-le-Street v Spennymoor; Seaham CW Red Star v North Shields; Emley v Bishop Auckland; Goole v Frickley; Buxton v Stalybridge Celtic; Bridlington Trinity v Curzon Ashton; Netherfield v Droylsden; Horwich RMI v Ryde United; Marine v Lytham; Telford v Burscough; Caernarfon Town v Bangor City; Shilnal v Runcorn; Prescot Cables v Nantwich; Alfreton v Boston (at Boston); Grantham v *Corby; Worksop v Ilkeston; Hales*owen v Burton Albion; Bedworth v Alvechurch; Tamworth v Shepshed Charterhouse; Gresley Rovers v Willenhall; Bromsgrove Rovers v Sutton Coldfield; Malvern v Highgate.
Lye Town v Nuneaton Borough; Tividale v S Rugby; Great Yarmouth v Lowestoft; March Town v Newmarket; Ely City v Clacton; Eastleigh v Melksham; Dorchester v Frome; Bridgend v Worcester; Gloucester v Devizes; Cheltenham v Bath; Haverfordwest v Clevedon; Bridgwater v Taunton; Liskeard v Glastonbury; Barnstaple v Bideford; Falmouth v Torrington; Bury Town v Kings Lynn.
First qualifying round, second replay: Chorley v Accrington Stanley. Fourth replay: Hayes v Tilbury.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: A P Leamington v Altrincham; Barrow v Stafford Rangers; Dagenham v Northwich Victoria; Gravesend v Weymouth; Kettering v Enfield; Maidstone v Yeovil; Scarborough v Dartford; Trowbridge v Barnet.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Enderby v Milton Keynes; Merthyr T v Stourbridge; Minehead v Wellingborough. Southern division: Chelmsford v Salisbury; Crawley v Andover; Poole v Thanet United; Waterlooville v Folkestone.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Aston Villa v Sheff Wednesday (2.0); Blackburn v Manch Utd, Blackpool v *Leeds* (2.0); Everton v Preston (2.0); Huddersfield v Stoke (2.0); Manch City v West Brom (2.0); Newcastle v Bolton (2.0); Nottm Forest v Burnley (2.0); Wolverhampton v Liverpool (2.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal v Orient; Bristol Rovers v Watford; Crystal P v Oxford Utd; Fulham v Leicester (12.0); Ipswich v Southampton; Luton v Bristol City; Plymouth v QP Rangers; Swindon v Norwich (2.0); West Ham v Tottenham (2.0).
MIDLAND LEAGUE: App-Frod v Mexborough; Ashby v Arnold; Brigg Tn v *Skegness*; *Gainsborough v Sutton*; Long Eaton v Eastwood Town; Spalding v Belper.

Third division

Brentford v Carlisle
Bristol City v Walsall
Burnley v Swindon
Chesterfield v Portsmouth
Exeter v Millwall
Lincoln v Newport
Oxford Utd v Fulham
Preston N.E. v Bristol Rovers
Reading v Huddersfield
Southend v Plymouth
Wimbledon v Gillingham
Postponed: Chester v Doncaster

Fourth division

Darlington v Peterborough
Halifax v Bury
Hereford v Hartlepool
Hull City v Tranmere
Mansfield v Blackpool
Scunthorpe v Bradford C (3.15)
Stockport v Bournemouth
Wigan Ath v Torquay
York City v Sheffield Utd

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Barking v Leatherhead; Bromley v Bishop's Stortford; Staines Town v Harlow Town; Sutton United v Boreham Wood; Woking v Hitchin Town; Wycombe Wanderers v Tooting and Mitcham. First division: Metropolitan Police v Clapton; Ware v Oxford City. Second division: Camberley Town v Basildon United; Dorking Town v Cheshunt; Eastbourne United v Harwich and Parkeston; Hemel Hempstead v Epping Town; Hungerford Town v Horsham; Letchworth G.C. v Worthing; Rainham Town v Molesey.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Chertsey v Ruislip Manor; Haringey Borough v Fleet; Hoddesdon v Graves Athletic; Kingsbury v Redhill; Whyteleafe v Harefield United.
WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Saltash v Clandown; Wellington v Keynsham; Welton Rovers v Chippenham; Weston Super Mare v Bridport.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: Blyth Spartans v West Auckland; Willington v Billingham; Evenwood v Crook; Whitby v Shildon.
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Brentwoods v Old Foresters; Lancing O.B. v Old Malvernians; Old Wellingburians v Old Chigwellians. First division: Old Etonians v Old Bradfieldians; Old Reptonians v Old Ardinians; Old Salopians v Old Westminsters.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon v Bath; Bedford v Gloucester; Bridgend v Ebbw Vale; Broughton Park v Liverpool; Cambridge Univ v Cambridge City (2.30); Cheltenham v Vale of Lune; Cross Keys v Sth Glam Inst; Durham City v Morley; Exeter v Esher; Fylde v Gosforth; Harlequins v Swansea; Huddersfield v Birmingham; Leicester v Coventry; Llanelli v Neath; Ldn Irish v Bristol; Ldn Scottish v Northampton; Ldn Welsh v Richmond; Maesteg v Pontypool; Metro Police v Roundhay; Middlesbrough v Harrogate; Newport v Cardiff (3.15); Northern v Nottingham; Orrell v Rosslyn Park; Penarth v Sth Wales Police; Plymouth Alb v Abertillery; Rugby v Nuneaton; Sale v Moseley; Saracens v Newbridge; Sheffield v Headingley; Wakefield v Pontypridd; Wasps v Blackheath; Waterloo v Wanderers.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Boroughmuir v Stewarts/Melville FP; Gala v Jedforest; Gordonians v Heriot's FP; Melrose v West of Scotland; Selkirk v Hawick; Watsonians v Kelso.

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle v South Manchester & Wythenshawe; Heaton Mersey v Sheffield University; Old Hulmeians v Ashton; Old Stopfordians v Mellor; Stockport v Old Waconians; Timperley v Urmston.
SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Croydon v Kenton; Purley v Hampstead.

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen v Morton
Dundee v Celtic
Hibernian v Dundee Utd
Partick Th v St. Mirren
Rangers v Airdrie

Scottish first division

Dumbarton v St Johnstone
Falkirk v Hamilton
Kilmarnock v Dunfermline
Motherwell v E. Sterling
Queen of South v Clydebank
Queen's Park v Hearts
Raith Rovers v Ayr

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers v Berwick
Alloa v Arbroath
Brechin v East Fife
Clyde v Meadowbank
Cowdenbeath v Montrose
Forfar v Stranraer
Stenhousemuir v Stirling A

Basketball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division (8.0): Fiat Birmingham v Club Cantabrica Kingston; Manchester v Ovaltine Hemel Hempstead; Talbot Guildford v Liverpool; TCB Brighton v Birchwood. Second division: Milton Keynes (6.30): Colchester v Nottingham; *Bolton Wanderers v Camden*. *National Cup*: First round: Brunel Uxbridge v Solent. Women: National Cup: Slough v Frome (4.20); TCB Brighton v Ovaltine Hemel Hempstead (6.0); Waltham Abbey v Islington (7.30). First division: Colchester Tigers v Crystal Palace (6.20).

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE (2.45): Cheam v Mid-Surrey; Guildford v Teddington; Hawks v Richmond; Old Kingstonians v Hampstead; Slough v Dulwich; Spencer v Blackheath; Surbiton v Maidenhead; Tulse Hill v Hounslow.
EAST LEAGUE: Premier division (2.45): Blueharts v Chelmsford; Cambridge City v Broxbourne; Norfolk Wands. v Bedford; Norwich Grasshoppers v Westcliff; Norwich Union v Beds. Eagles; Pelicans v Ipswich; West Herts v Bishop's Stortford.
CLUB MATCHES (3.0): Cliftonville v Gravesend; Edgbaston v City of Oxford; Fareham v Poole; Havant v Bournemouth; Huntley & Palmer v Peak Freans; Lloyds Bank v Anchorians; Reading v Trojans; St Albans v Coventry and N.W. Northern Festival (Great Crosby, near Liverpool, 10.30).

Rugby League

YORKSHIRE CUP: Final: Bradford Northern v Castleford (Headingley, 2.15).

Tomorrow

Football

FOURTH DIVISION: *Rochdale v* Aldershot.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: Stroud v Vale of Lune; Torquay v Abertillery.

Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Fulham v York; Hull K.R. v Wakefield Trinity; Warrington v St. Helens; Whitehaven v Featherstone Rovers (3.30); Widnes v Barrow; Wigan v Leigh.
SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool Borough v Huddersfield; Carlisle v Batley; Dewsbury v Keighley; Doncaster v Cardiff City; Halifax v Oldham; Hunslet v Huyton; Rochdale Hornets v Bramley.

Hockey

COUNTY MATCHES (2.45): Kent v Oxfordshire (Tulse Hill); Cambridgeshire v Suffolk (Cambridge City); Norfolk v Bedfordshire (Easton Park, Norwich); Hampshire v London Indians (Fareham).
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Essex (Chelmsford and Colchester). Hertfordshire (Welwyn GC and Blueharts HC, plate competition at Stevenage). Lincolnshire (Skegness).
TOURNAMENTS: Bournemouth Sixes; Tunbridge Wells Sixes; Northern Festival (Great Crosby, near Liverpool, 10.30).
OTHER MATCH: United Banks v Puritans (Bank of England HC, Roehampton).

Basketball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First Division: Crystal Palace v Birchwood (3.30); Sunderland v John Carr Doncaster (4.0). Women: First Division: Sheffield v London YMCA (3.0); Crystal Palace Toppys v Avon *Cosmetics* Northampton (1.30). National Cup: CS Ilkeston v Stockport (2.30); Cleveland v Bolton Wanderers (3.0); West Bromwich v Ipswich (3.0).

Croquet

All-England handicap finals (Roehampton).

Golf

English county finals (Ferndown); Welsh stroke-play championships (Aberdovey GC).

Motor racing

Minolta Trophy championship final, at Silverstone (12.15).

Road running

City of Gloucester Marathon: Avon National 10-mile championship (Cophall Stadium); Coventry Marathon; The Roche Marathon (Bodmin); Camberley "10"; Vauxhall and Copyplus Relay (Luton).

Squash Rackets

Welsh closed championships (Colwyn Bay).

National Hunt programmes

Kelso NH

2.15 SYDENHAM HURDLE (Novices: £648: 2m)
/20- Arctic Tribune, 7-11-3 Wilkinson 4
Bold Selection, 5-11-3 .... —
00- Christmas Deal, 5-11-3 Mr Shiels 7
0 Cynosure, 8-11-3 .. J Goulding
30/ Estacado, 5-11-3 .. T Davies 7
00- Gold Camp, 5-11-3 .... Holmes
Little Newmarket, 6-11-3 P Barry
f- Master Blaster, 5-11-3 .. Lamb
Melfort Bay, 5-11-3 Mr Walton
Miraguss, 5-11-3 .... Nolan
Starlight Rocky, 5-11-3 Mr Hudson 4
0-p Veronica Cressida, 5-11-3 Mr T Dun
Anglepoise, 4-10-12 .... —
Birrens Belle, 4-10-12 Barnes
Copper Watch, 4-10-12 Hansen 7
Jet Star, 4-10-12 .... Allan
300- Keep Skyhigh, 4-10-12 .... —
0p- Kellys Move, 4-10-12 R Barry
f-u Michaelmas Daisy, 4-10-12 —
0 Sam Carmody, 4-10-12 C Grant
33-0 Strike Action 4-10-12 S Charlton
30-0 Tarchin, 4-10-12 .... —
4-1 Anglepoise, 6-1 Sam Carmody, Kellys Move, 8-1 Birrens Belle.

2.45 LYLE PUBLICATIONS CHASE (Novices: £947: 2m 196yd)
31u Sea Headrig, 8-11-8 Mr Jeffrey 7
015 Glenbour, 5-11-7 .... Lamb
0f0- Baby Bear, 8-11-1 .... —
000- Hewlett, 9-11-1 .... —
00-0 Kildale, 8-11-1 .... Mr Watson
00-0 Meekatharra, 10-11-1 .... —
u0f- Misty Rascal, 6-11-1 Doughty
0f3- Rannis Bar, 9-11-1 .. C Grant
-040 Second Time Lucky, 6-11-1 Fairhurst
03 Twice Times, 6-11-1 Mr Hudson 7
-0uf Twilight, 6-11-1 .. D Atkins
Evens Sea Headrig, 7-2 Glenbour, 6-1 Twice Times, Twilight.

3.15 ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT CUP CHASE (Handicap: £1,217: 3m)
p04- Bobjob, 8-11-9 .. Mr Hudson 7
401- The Engineer, 9-11-6 .. Holmes
410- Another Captain, 9-10-13 Lamb
0f1- Ratherne, 8-10-8 .... Barnes
20-3 Clever General, 10-10-3 Hawkins
pp-4 Fidler On The Roof, 12-10-2 —
5-22 Hello Louis, 11-10-2 .. Pepper 7
00-2 Highway Dual, 8-10-0 J Goulding
032- Trichromatic, 9-10-0 McCaskill 4
5-2 Clever General, 4-1 The Engineer, 6-1 Another Captain, Bobjob.

3.45 ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT HURDLE (Handicap: £1,297: 2m)
01-1 Newgate, 8-12-7 .... —
0-00 Flameproof, 8-12-2 .. Hawkins
112 Corker, 5-11-10 .... T Davies 7
u1-2 Suzy Mandel, 6-11-7 Holohan 7
200- Little Frenchman, 8-11-7 Isherwood 4
01/ Keren Park, 7-11-4 .... Lamb
501- Simbad, 5-11-0 .... —
0-00 Lottie Lehmann, 5-10-7 Pepper 7
2-21 Pounentes, 4-10-4 .... R Barry
000- French Art, 9-10-3 .. P Charlton
0-12 On Leave, 4-10-2 .... —
400- Carat Gold, 5-10-1 .... —
080- Downholme, 7-10-0 .... —
3-1 Corker, 9-2 Pounentes, 5-1 Newgate, 6-1 Suzy Mandel.

4.15 HENDERSYDE HURDLE (Handicap: £716: 2½m)
210- Lord Provost, 7-11-7 .... —
10-0 Keen Trying, 5-11-7 .... Lamb
00-4 Saucy Eater, 8-11-1 .... Barnes
10-0 Angostura, 5-10-12 .... —
4-00 Go Jack, 7-10-8 .... R Barry
432 Dear Octopus, 5-10-7 .. Balmer
1f0- Meadsgrove, 7-10-6 .... —
410- La Boeuf, 5-10-6 .... —
0-34 Beau Brigg, 8-10-4 .... —
0-11 Who's Free, 6-10-1 McCaskill 4
-015 Toomft Brig, 8-10-0 .. A Brown
00-0 Foreign Embassy, 7-10-0 Mr McIntyre 4
30-0 Artengarthdale, 7-10-0 P Charlton
0pp- Tudor Anne, 8-10-0 .. Doughty
5-2 Dear Octopus, 7-2 Who's Free, 5-1 Saucy Eater, 6-1 Toomft Brig.

4.45 MELROSE HURDLE (3-y-o novices: £452: 2m)
01- Autumn Boy, 11-3 .... R Barry
142 Bean Boy, 11-3 .... C Grant
f21 Brockle Law, 11-3 .. J Goulding
Fragrant Madam, 10-7 .... Barnes
0 Golden Romany, 10-7 .... —
Jeans Gamble, 10-7 .... Balmer
0 Jubilee King, 10-7 Wilkinson 4
Kanisa, 10-7 .... Hawkins
Lothian Empress, 10-7 Doughty
Moon Gazer, 10-7 Mr Waggott 7
Nimbo, 10-7 .... Redfern
Polly Quinn, 10-7 .... A Brown
Saint Rose, 10-7 .... Allan
6-4 Autumn Boy, 7-2 Brockle Law, 9-2 Bean Boy, 5-1 Jubilee King.

KELSO SELECTIONS (By Our Racing Staff): 2.15 Anglepoise. 2.45 Baby Bear. 3.15 Bobjob. 3.45 Simbad. 4.15 Meadsgrove. 4.45 Bean Boy.

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2.15 BLISWORTH HURDLE (Selling: £598: 2m)
0-31 Manawa, 5-11-10 .... Francome
/0-0 Master Bond, 5-11-10 .. Smart
042 Misanfield, 5-11-3 .. A Webber
300- Second Rise, 5-11-5 Strange 7
213 Stanstead, 4-11-5 .... Clay
p Timpani, 5-11-5 Mr Babbage 7
101 Waldeck, 4-11-5 Charles-Jones 7
0-p0 Blues, 4-11-0 .... Barlow
pfp *Doddeal, 4-11-0 .... —
0p- Handsome Stranger, 4-11-0 Crank
00-4 Little Tyrant, 4-11-0 .. Murphy
44-5 Powder Horn, 4-11-0 .. Coonan
0p- Strawman, 4-11-0 .. Charles 4
050 Wissington Joy, 4-11-0 J Hughes 4
5-2 Powder Horn, 100-30 Misanfield, 5-1 Manawa, 13-2 Stanstead.

2.45 AUTUMN CHASE (Novices: £881: 2m 50yd)
222 Walking Cane, 5-11-7 R Hughes
p00- Don Enrico, 9-11-5 .. Mr Taylor
f/u- Eboriad, 12-11-3 Mr Pritchard 4
Fast Reactor, 7-11-3 Francome
54-3 Indian Rulette, 6-11-3 Keightley 4
323 Kam Tsin Princess, 6-11-3 Clay
0 Laukov, 8-11-3 .... Barlow
004 Spinning Saint, 7-11-3 Mr Babbage 7
0p0- Thunder Run, 9-11-3 .. McNally
fu0- Vactina, 6-11-3 .... Floyd
133 Egbert, 5-11-0 .... Rowe
0- Enton Hall, 5-11-0 .... Carvill 4
11-8 Fast Reactor, 4-1 Egbert, 5-1 Walking Cane, 7-1 Indian Rulette.

3.15 OXMOOR KENTUCKY CHASE (Handicap: £1,157: 3m 190yd)
412- Physicist, 9-11-10 .... Rowe
0-30 Money Mad, 9-10-7 .. Dutton 7
0p3- Twilight Gold, 8-10-8 McCourt
p1p Echo Summit, 9-10-4 .... Candy
024- Blue Braes, 9-10-3 .... Burke
5p0- Milan Major, 9-10-3 .... Coonan
002- Officially, 7-10-1 .... C Tinkler
-4p3 Zonta, 13-10-0 .... Suthern
9-4 Echo Summit, 3-1 Physicist, 6-1 Zonta, 13-2 Money Mad.

3.45 EASTCOTE HURDLE (Handicap: £1,021: 2m)
00-3 Rogairio, 5-10-13 .... A Webber
0-03 Calypso Joe, 5-10-12 M Floyd
403- New Harbour, 7-10-11 .. Rowe
010- Fontainbleau, 5-10-11 .... Webb
00-2 Full Value, 10-10-10 .. McNeill
000 Come Play With Me, 6-10-7 Francome
-10u Ashbury Lad, 4-10-2 Keightley 4
035- Headstone, 4-10-1 .... McNally
00-0 Critical Times, 4-10-0 .. Suthern
000 Buckram, 6-10-0 Charles-Jones
-011 Florance, 5-10-0 .... Charles 4
01-3 Rolleston, 7-10-0 .... Tuck
4-0f Old Mill Lady, 6-10-0 Redmond 4
03-0 Smart Guard, 4-10-0 .... Barlow
030 *Wissington Joy, 4-10-0 —
2-1 Rogairio, 100-30 Full Value, 4-1 Calypso Joe, 7-1 Rolleston.

4.15 PATTISHALL CHASE (Handicap: £802: 2m 50yd)
012- Tarzan, 5-11-11 .... Rowe
20u- Fury Boy, 8-11-10 .... Suthern
42u Remrod, 9-11-7 .... Coonan
0-01 Prince Carlton, 6-11-2 .. Pearce
001 Ask Me Nicely, 7-10-7 Francome
055 Fighting Cock, 9-10-5 McNeill
15-8 Tarzan, 7-2 Fury Boy, 5-1 Prince Carlton, 13-2 Remrod.

4.45 PAULERSPURY HURDLE (Novices: £552: 2m)
00-1 Haverhill Lad, 5-11-12 Barlow
3-0f All Of You, 5-11-5 .... Clay
/1-0 Crevar, 5-11-5 .... —
020- Darting Bow, 5-11-5 .. J Nolan
4 General Wood, 5-11-5 .. Crank
p- Master Sport, 5-11-5 .. McCourt
p Peshley Fair, 5-11-5 J Harris 4
00/ Persian Mist, 6-11-5 A Webber
Phantom Pharos, 7-11-5 Mr Brookshaw
Quillery, 5-11-5 .... M Floyd
-054 Rose Standish, 5-11-5 Mr Cambidge 4
/0p- Royal Deal, 6-11-5 J Hughes 4
3 Spaghetti Sauce, 7-11-5 Turnell
0p/ Trion, 5-11-5 .... O'Brien
Grey Gate, 4-11-0 .. Redmond 4
John Hampden, 4-11-0 Strange 7
000- Lady Frampton, 4-11-0 Charles 4
p0f- Wild Rye, 4-11-0 .... De Haan
9-4 Haverhill Lad, 3-1 Darting Bow, 4-1 All Of You, 7-1 Spaghetti Sauce.
* Doubtful runner

TOWCESTER SELECTIONS (By Our Racing Staff): 2.15 Misanfield. 2.45 Fast Reactor. 3.15 Echo Summit. 3.45 Rogairio. 4.15 Tarzan. 4.45 All Of You.

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Racing

Kings Lake has perfect Arc blend

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

The industrial dispute which was threatening tomorrow's race meeting at Longchamp was finally settled in the early hours of yesterday morning after a meeting lasting 12 hours in the Ministry of Labour in Paris. So to everyone's relief this year's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and its fine supporting programme will go ahead as planned.

Master Willie and Vayrann were withdrawn yesterday, but with 24 still standing their ground this is surely one of the most open Arcs for a long while. It is no exaggeration to say that it is possible to make out a good case for as many as 14 and in almost every instance there is an if or a but somewhere.

The ground is now soft so the eventual hero or heroine will have to be able to stay a mile and a half without flinching. Against that backcloth it may seem slightly odd to go for one who has never won beyond a mile and a quarter, but the more I delve into Kings Lake's pedigree the more I am convinced that he will be in his element over tomorrow's distance. His sire, Nijinsky, won over a mile and a half; his dam Fish Bar over even farther. She in her turn was out of a thorough stayer, Fisherman's Wharf, who was by Alycidon.

This is a family renowned for its stamina and, bearing that in mind, the remarkable aspect about Kings Lake is that he has had the speed to do so well over a mile. Harness that speed to potential stamina and Kings Lake could be a tough nut to crack tomorrow, especially now that he has an ideal draw. He is extremely well; he, more than most, will relish the ground and in Pat Eddery he has an ideal jockey for the big occasion. Furthermore he is trained by a man who knows a thing or two about what is required, having won the race three times already, first with Ballymoss and then twice with Alleged.

Although Eddery has been claimed by O'Brien for Kings Lake he told me yesterday that he was really delighted to be on him instead of either Beldale Flutter or Detroit and that is praise indeed. He went on to say that the best feeling that Kings Lake has given him this season was at Leopardstown two weeks ago when he won most impressively over 10 furlongs.

"Over only a mile he was always flat out to go the pace, but over further he was able to relax and that is why I think that he has a great chance of lasting the trip at Longchamp," Eddery went on. At Leopardstown King's Lake finished six lengths in front of Blue Wind and that is a big leeway for the winner of the Oaks and Irish Oaks to make up in only a fortnight, even allowing for the fact that she may have needed the race badly. Also soft ground will be against Blue Wind tomorrow.

Michael Jarvis harbours no such reservations on that score about Beldale Flutter, who is a confirmed mudlark. He concedes that his colt's pedigree does evoke doubts about his stamina, yet he is sure that he will last it out in the bitter end. What is clear is that anyone who fancies a bet on King's Lake would be well advised to strike it in England or Ireland beforehand because on the day he will be coupled with Detroit and Snow Day in France as they are all owned in part or in full by the same person, Robert Sangster. Similarly April Run and Blue Wind; Prince Bee and Lancastrian and Leandra and Perrault are others who will be coupled in the betting on the Pari-Mutuel.

A fascinating aspect of this year's race is the draw. In France they number from the right at the start. That means that those drawn high are on the wide outside. Although it is fair to point out that both Alleged and Three Troikas overcame what is widely regarded as a disadvantage no jockey would be there from choice and tomorrow Lester Piggott and Ardross have been drawn highest of all. It will be a supreme test of Piggott's skill and Ardross's versatility to win from there and so emulate his maternal grandsire, Levmoss, who was the last cup horse to win the Arc.

Argument, Rahotep, Beldale Flutter and Snow Day are other fancied runners drawn in the wilderness. By taking a line through Nicholas Bill, who finished sixth in the race last year and second in the Yorkshire Cup this spring, it can be argued that Ardross has much the same sort of chance on form as Detroit. Only tomorrow the ground looks like favouring Ardross. It will also suit Prince Bee who has had a light season and will be fresher than most. He should run well in the circumstances.

Now that Shergar has fallen by the wayside, the Aga Khan is lucky to be able to rely upon Akarad, who won the Grand Prix de Saint Cloud from the French Derby winner, Bikala. Yet on a line through Lancastrian, who finished third in the same race beaten two and a half lengths and third also in the Hardwicke stakes at Royal Ascot, beaten eight lengths there by Pelerin, there is no reason to be unduly afraid of the best French three-year-olds. Indeed it can be argued that Pelerin represents a sporting bet to finish in the first four at fancy odds, even though the ground will not be as fast as he would care for.

Runners, riders and colours for Longchamp's big race

PRIX de l'ARC de TRIOMPHE (Group I: £185,000: 1½m)

1 -211001 ACTION MAN (J Mathiesen), O Larsen, 6-9-4 ... O Larsen 2
(Black, white 'H', black cap)
2 1-11000 ARGUMENT (M McNeil), M Zilber, 4-9-4 ... A Lequeux 22
(Grey and dark blue diamond, dark blue sleeves and cap)
3 4-11101 PELERIN (Sir P Oppenheimer), H Wragg, 4-9-4 ... E Hide 11
(Black and white (halved), sleeves reversed, red cap)
4 2-11322 LANCASTRIAN (Sir M Sobell), D Smaga, 4-9-4 ... M Philipperon 23
(Pale blue, yellow and white check cap)
5 111-231 PRINCE BEE (Sir M Sobell), W Hern, 4-9-4 ... J Mercer 17
(Pale blue, yellow and white check cap)
6 13-1111 ARDROSS (C A B St George), H Cecil, 5-9-4 ... L Piggott 24
(Black, white chevron hoop and cap)
7 231211 PERRAULT (Baron T de Zuylen de Nyevelt), P Pelat, 4-9-4 ... H Samani 9
(Red and white chevrons, white sleeves, red and white quartered cap)
8 41213 RING THE BELL (Mrs E Muckley), H Wesford, 4-9-4 ... N Tiley 18
(Yellow, black sash, red sleeves, green armlets and cap)
9 1-10010 GILDED VANITY (C Fergus), P Russell, 4-9-1 ... G Curran 16
(Emerald green, red sleeves, royal blue cap)
10 1-40111 DETROIT (R Sangster), O Douieb, 4-9-1 ... F Head
(Emerald green, royal blue sleeves, white cap, green spots)
11 21-1103 GOLD RIVER (J Wertheimer), A Head, 4-9-1 ... G Moore 14
(Blue, white seams, sleeves and cap)
12 11211 AKARAD (Aga Khan), F Mathet, 3-8-11 ... Y Saint-Martin 4
(Green, red epaulets)
13 32-1231 CUT ABOVE (Sir J Astor), W Hern, 3-8-11 ... B Taylor 12
(Light blue, pink sash)
14 312131 KINGS LAKE (J-P Binet), M V O'Brien, 3-8-11 ... P Eddery 10
(Dark green, black sleeves)
15 0-10302 GAP OF DUNLOE (B Denuyser), P L Biancone, 3-8-11 ... W R Swinburn Jun 5
(Blue, white stars, red sleeves, white cap)
16 41-3011 BELDALE FLUTTER (A Kelly), M Jarvis, 3-8-11 ... A Murray 20
(Yellow, black sleeves, yellow and light blue quartered cap)
17 214122 BIKALA (J Ouaki), P L Biancone, 3-8-11 ... S Gorli 7
(White and pink checks, dark blue sleeves and cap)
18 40-1142 RAHOTEP (J-C Weill), B Secly, 3-8-11 ... J L Kessas 21
(Yellow, green hoops, epaulets and armbands, red cap)
19 113411 APRIL RUN (Mrs D Firestone), F Boutin, 3-8-8 ... P Paquet 1
(Emerald green, white diamond frame and diamonds on sleeves, green cap)
20 9-12114 BLUE WIND (Mrs D Firestone), D K Weld, 3-8-8 ... W Swinburn sen 6
(Emerald green, white diamond frame and diamonds on sleeves, green cap)
21 01-4100 TOOTENS (Miss C Lynch), E Bartholomew, 3-8-8 ... G Doleuze 8
(Orange and chestnut hooped sleeves, orange and chestnut quartered cap)
22 1114200 SNOW DAY (R Sangster), F Boutin, 3-8-8 ... A Gibert 19
(Emerald green, royal blue sleeves, white cap, green spots)
23 024130 CONDESSA (C Singer), J Bolger, 3-8-8 ... D Gillespie 13
(Pink, black 'S. R.')
24 232112 LEANDRA (Baron T de Zuylen de Nyevelt), P Pelat, 3-8-8 ... G Dubroeucq 15
(Red and white chevrons, white sleeves, red and white quartered cap)

5-2 Detroit, Kins Lake, and Snow Day (coupled), 5-1 Akarad, 6-1 Ardross, 7-1 April Run and Blue Wind (coupled), Beldale Flutter, 10-1 Prince Bee and Lancastrian (coupled), 16-1 Bikala, 20-1 Argument, 25-1 Cut Above, 33-1 Leandra and Perrault (coupled), Gold River, Pelerin, 401 Rahotep, 66-1 Condessa, Tootens, 100-1 Gap of Dunloe, Gilded Vanity, Ring the Bell, 200-1 Action Man.

FORM: Action Man (9st 7lb) won ... [illegible]

Kings Lake: impressed his Arc rider, Pat Eddery, with his recent Leopardstown victory.

Sharpo can lead rout by English in Abbaye

From Desmond Stoneham
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, Oct 2

The five-furlong Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp looks to be at the mercy of the English, who should take the first three places. I strongly recommend the Jeremy Tree-trained Sharpo in this sprint, as conditions will be in his favour and he has already won over the course and distance.

Pat Eddery took the Prix de Saint-Georges on the colt back in May and the same combination won the William Hill Sprint Championship at York which they took by two and a half lengths from Marwell. A soft surface seems to be essential for Sharpo to show his best and he will have this on Sunday. Marwell will also be in the line-up with Walter Swinburn in the saddle and this tough filly must be another with a leading chance of taking the £23,000 first prize.

However, for second place I am going for Runnett who beat Marwell by a neck in the Vernons Sprint Cup. One can never leave the incredibly tough Rabdan out of contention and this colt will be trying to win his fourth Continental group race in a row. The best of the French should be Sonoma, who is a full sister to Sier, the winner of the Abbaye in 1978.

The Prix de l'Opera is a really competitive event and, while believing that the Queen's Harp Strings represents first class each-way value, I have to select Votre Altesse to win from Ukraine Girl. It would also be unwise to discard Arctique Royale, Rixe and Premiere Danseuse from one's calculations.

A to Z guide and breeding for the field

ACTION MAN: bh, by Belmont—Eminent (Umidwar). Danish challenger who cannot conceivably be good enough.

AKARAD: b. or br c, by Labus—Licata (Abdos). Unenterprisingly ridden when runner-up to Bikala in Prix du Jockey-Club, but decisively reversed the form with his conqueror in the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud. After a two-month absence he looked a trifle burly when beating Rahotep in the Prix Niel.

APRIL RUN: b f, by Run the Gantlet—April Fancy (No Argument). The French have a habit of preparing their best fillies for the Arc. Showed herself to be reaching her peak when successful in the Prix Vermeille.

ARDROSS: bh, by Run the Gantlet—Le Melody (Levmoss). Lester Piggott will be seeking his fourth Arc victory on this top-class stayer who is undefeated this season. The Ascot Gold Cup winner showed unexpected powers of acceleration when beating Castle Keep over an extended mile and a half at Newbury.

ARGUMENT: b c, by Kautokeino—Arantelle (Tapioca). Beaten half a length by Detroit in this race last year and then won Washington DC International. Has not yet recaptured this form.

BELDALE FLUTTER: b c, by Accipiter—Flitter Flutter (Cohoes). Beat Shergar in the William Hill Futurity at Doncaster as a two-year-old. Showed that he had recovered from his collision with Moorestyle on Newmarket Heath when winning Benson and Hedges Gold Cup at York in August.

BIKALA: b c, by Kalamoun—Irish Bird (Sea Bird II). Enterprisingly ridden winner of French Derby (Prix du Jockey Club). Has run well since but it is difficult to see this Kalamoun colt winning an Arc.

BLUE WIND: ch f, by Lord Gayle—Azurine (Chamossaire). Top-class Irish filly who beat Madam Gay by seven lengths in the Oaks at Epsom. Was also impressive when winning Irish equivalent.

CONDESSA: ch f, by Condorcet—Varinessa (Varano). Lightly-made Irish filly. Has twice won important races at York and also finished runner-up to Blue Wind in Irish Oaks. Finished moderately behind Alma Ata in Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster. Responds well to the unorthodox methods of her trainer.

CUT ABOVE: b c, by High Top—Cutle (Saint Crespin III). Dour winner of the Doncaster St. Leger. Trained by Dick Hern and owned by Sir John Astor. Genuine and tough but is unlikely to have enough pace for this mile and a half test.

DETROIT: br f, by Riverman—Derna II (Sunny Boy III). Last year's Arc winner has taken time to find her form this season, but showed that she will be hard to beat when accounting for Lancastrian in the Prix Foy. Her owner Robert Sangster won this race in consecutive years with Alleged in 1977 and 78.

GAP OF DUNLOE: bc, by Sassafras—Absereich (Dancers Image). Walter Swinburn's first mount in Arc. Runs in blinkers and is unlikely to be suited by the soft ground. P Biancone.

GILDED VANITY: bf, by Run the Gantlet—Sunset Temple (Golden Horus). Irish no hoper who has shown best form on a sound surface. P Russell.

GOLD RIVER: ch f, by Riverman—Glaneuse (Snob). Impressive winner of Prix du Cadran in May. Has a good turn of foot for a stayer and like Ardross has same sort of credentials as Levmoss the conqueror of Park Top in 1969.

KINGS LAKE: b c, by Nijinsky—Fish Bar (Baldric II). Sole representative of the powerful Vincent O'Brien stable. Top class miler, who revealed unexpected stamina when winning the Joe McGrath Memorial Stakes over 10 furlongs at Leopardstown in September.

LANCASTRIAN: b c, by Reform—Rosalie II (Molvedo). Very smart middle-distance performer. Seemed unsuited by firm ground when third to Pelerin in Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot.

LEANDRA: b f, by Luthier—Ady Endre (Reliant II). Consistent French filly who ran well when second to April Run in the Vermeille.

PELERIN: b, or br c, by Sir Gaylord—Padrona (St Paddy). This four-year-old will be out to give his veteran trainer compensation for Salvo's narrow defeat by Topyo in 1967. Broke track record when winning Grosser Preis von Baden in September. Best suited by top of the ground.

PERRAULT: ch c, by Djakao—Innocent Air (Court Martial). The conqueror of Castle Keep in the Grand Prix de Deauville is in tip top form this season, but may not be quite good enough.

PRINCE BEE: b c, by Sun Prince—Honerko (Tanerko). Dick Hern's main hope. Joint owners will be thirsting for revenge after the Arc defeat of Troy and Ela-Mana-Mou. Improved steadily all last season, but has had an interrupted preparation this year.

RAHOTEP: b c, by Matahawk—La Masure (Net). Confirmed mud-lark and revelled in these conditions when winning Prix Hocquart over the Arc course and distance in May. Ran Akarad to half a length in Prix Niel on firmish ground recently.

RING THE BELL: b c, by Rangong—Witchraft (Mystery). Winner of grade one New Zealand Derby. Also successful in group one race at Randwick, in Australia. His chances seem remote on the strength of his efforts in Europe.

SNOW DAY: b f, by Reliance II—Vindaria (Roi Dagobert). Definite possibility. This filly won two pattern races in June and would have given April Run something to think about in the Vermeille if her saddle had not slipped early in the race. In the circumstances did well to finish fifth only about five lengths behind the winner. Mount of highly experienced French jockey Alfred Gibert.

TOOTENS: ch f, by Northfields (US)—Night Attire (Shantung). Won group one race in heavy going on the track in May, but does not appear good enough judged on the rest of her form.

Baronet has no peers in Cambridgeshire

Baronet can prove himself to be the Sea Pigeon of Flat racing by winning his third Cambridgeshire in four years at Newmarket this afternoon. It is almost past belief that a nine-year-old gelding can beat progressive three-year-olds like Bunter and Buzzard's Bay, but Baronet has been especially trained for this race. It looks impossible to keep him out of the first four.

The reason is that not only has Baronet been prepared for this mad scramble, but he is impervious to the state of the going and is ideally suited to Newmarket's stiff nine furlongs. Also, compared with the other older horses in the race Baronet is leniently handicapped.

He first caught the eye when finishing fourth to Tugoflove at Doncaster. The gelding was going steadily about his work in the closing stages to finish only just over two lengths behind the winner. That race was run over a mile, all too short a distance for Baronet's battling qualities and stamina to be brought into play.

Last time out at Ascot Baronet was involved in that controversial finish with Heron's Hollow. He was first awarded the race, but several days later the judge realized that he had made a mistake and gave the verdict to Heron's Hollow. Be that as it may Baronet is approaching his peak at the right time.

Of the three-year-olds in the race Bunter and Buzzard's Bay must be the pick. After beating Silver Seal at Newcastle Ryan Price's colt slammed Doogali by four lengths at Ayr. Pat Eddery, the winning jockey that afternoon was most impressed by the performance and said that provided Bunter stays nine furlongs he was the automatic winner of the Cambridgeshire.

Buzzard's Bay's credentials speak for themselves. Few of Collingridge's three-year-olds having won four of his last five races and if the handicapper has a chance to reassess the situation he would obviously give Buzzard's Bay more weight to carry.

The Sun Chariot Stakes for fillies is the most interesting race of the day from the connoisseur's point of view. The high-class but somewhat reluctant Vielle is making her farewell bow. Go Leasing will be suited by the underfoot conditions and judged on her running earlier in the season must be a force to be reckoned with. Home On The Range is suited by the conditions of the race, and Boathouse was attempting an impossible task at the weights when uplaced behind Atlantic Boy.

Another interesting event at Newmarket is the appearance of Henry Cecil's Simply Great in the first division of the Westley Maiden Stakes. Although yet to make her appearance on a racecourse Daniel Wildenstein Mill Reef colt is already joint favourite for the 2,000 Guineas with Sandhurst Prince and according to our Newmarket correspondent is expected to oblige at the first time of asking.

At Haydock Park Overtrick could be the best bet of the day in 2.06. John Dunlop's five-year old finished fifth to First Movement in the Ayr Gold Cup. Overtrick was badly drawn that afternoon and was doing his best work at the finish. He may be the pick of the weights in this afternoon's six furlong dash.

Sheik takes top two colts

Shaikh Mohammad continued his spending spree on the final day of the Newmarket premier yearling sales, buying the top two colts at the morning session yesterday.

Bidding through his agent, Dick Warden of the Curragh Bloodstock Agency, he went to 300,000 guineas for a brown colt by the 1971 Derby and Arc winner, Mill Reef. Khaled Abdullah's agent, Humphrey Cottrill, was the underbidder.

This colt is the second foal of the speedy Hayloft, who won three races, including the Molecombe Stakes. The second colt, by Habitat, made 145,000 guineas. Sent up by the Stackallen Stud, his dam, Never So Lovely, won twice and is from the same family as the 1974 champion Japanese two-year-old, Matsufiji.

Habitat is the leading sire of pattern winners in Europe and this year his best produce is the brilliant Marwell who contests the Prix de l'Abbaye tomorrow.

The last lot offered at the session, a daughter of Be My Guest, made 190,000 guineas to the bid of Vincent O'Brien's brother, Phonsie.

Newmarket programme

[Television (ITV): 1.45, 2.20, 3.0 races]

1.45 MARTINI TROPHY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £9,156: 6f)

103 11 Prima Voce (D), (Capt J Durham-Matthews), R Armstrong, 9-7 ... L Piggott 9
103 013422 Come On The Blues (D), (Capt M Lemos), C Brittain, 9-5 ... E Hide 5
104 230300 Sharlie's Wimpy, (Tulsa Ltd Wimpy Bars), P Cole, 9-4 ... S Cauthen 17
105 1012 Rosier (D), (Lord Fairhaven), B Hobbs, 9-2 ... G Baxter 11
106 311431 Mummy's Game (D), (Rockhouse Stud), W O'Gorman, 9-2 ... T Ives 15
107 230 Tou-Fermi-Tychi, (Mrs A Muinos), G Harwood, 8-13 ... B Raymond 1
108 21020 Vaigly Star, (M Sellier), M Stoute, 8-13 ... W R Swinburn 16
109 42142 Winter Words (D), (C Hurt), G P-Gordon, 8-11 ... B Taylor 12
110 12 Charbonnel (D), (H H Prince Y Saud), P Walwyn, 8-10 ... J Mercer 10
113 110234 Petite Realm, (A Zandona), R Simpson, 8-9 ... P Eddery 14
115 430010 Basil Boy (D), (B Haywood), R Hannon, 8-5 ... B Rouse 2
116 013102 Tough Critic (D), (Mrs M Noel-Hill), G Harter, 8-2 ... M Miller 4
117 210003 Wicked Wave (Mrs T Ramsing), M E Francis, 8-0 ... R Ballantine 6
118 41430 Northern Scene, (Mrs B Firestone), R Houghton, 7-13 ... D McKay 8
120 30232 Blue Emmanuelle, (Roldvale Ltd), N Callaghan, 7-12 ... — 3
121 000 King's Forest, (Lt Col N Frieze), H Wragg, 7-11 ... B Crossley 3 13
123 042300 Hithermoor Lass (B), (C Wiggins), Mrs J Reavey, 7-1 ... A McGlone 5 7

5-1 Prima Voce, 6-1 Blue Emmanuelle, 13-2 Wicked Wave, 7-1 Come on the Blues, 8-1 Rosier, 10-1 Mummy's Game, Winter Words, 12-1 Vaigly Star, 14-1 Charbonnel 16-1 Mou-Fermi-Tychi, 20-1 others.

2.20 SUN CHARIOT STAKES (Group II: fillies: £17,974: 1¼m)

201 322221 Vielle (D), (T Blackwell), B Hobbs, 4-9-4 ... G Baxter 8
203 213323 Docklands, (W Gredley), C Brittain, 4-8-11 ... S Cauthen 4
204 130010 Go Leasing (C,D), (W Norton), G Harwood, 3-8-11 ... B Raymond 6
205 030400 Lydia Rose, (R Canham), W Musson, 4-8-11 ... P Eddery 2
206 000-000 Pieces of Gold, (C Fergus), P Russell (IRE), 4-8-11 ... — 5
207 211221 Star Pastures, (R Sangster), J Hindley, 3-8-7 ... B Taylor 3
208 1-10 Boathouse, (R Hollingsworth), W Hern, 3-8-4 ... B Rouse 7
209 4-31020 Countess Tully (D), (P Conlan), L Browne (IRE) 3-8-4 ... — 1
211 4-0420 Fruition, (J Hunt), P Kelleway, 3-8-4 ... P Robinson 9
212 141141 Home on the Range (D), (L Freedman), H Cecil, 3-8-4 ... L Piggott 10

7-4 Star Pastures, 5-2 Vielle, 4-1 Go Leasing, 6-1 Home on the Range, 7-1 Boathouse, 14-1 others.

3.0 CAMBRIDGESHIRE HANDICAP (£29,500: 1m 1f)

302 110212 Galveston, (Lord Derby), W H-Bass, 4-9-10 ... L Piggott 1
301 000123 Silver Season, (M Hassan), C Brittain, 5-9-2 ... B Taylor 11
305 1-20400 Morayshire (C), (Lt Col R Byers), B Hobbs, 4-9-0 ... G Baxter 14
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3.35 JOCKEY CLUB CUP (Group III: £15,492: 2m)
[illegible]

4.5 SEVERALS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,506: 7f)
[illegible]

4.35 WESTLEY STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o maidens: £3,094: 7f)
[illegible]

5.5 WESTLEY STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o maidens: £3,057: 7f)
[illegible]
... Rocamadour, (R Buckley), A Pitt, 9-0 ... M Saunders 7 18
59 Seabattle, (P Goulandris), P Walwyn, 9-0 ... J Mercer 6
60 0 Silk Screen, (Sir M Sobell), W Hern, 9-0 ... B Rouse 5
65 002 Sir Blessed, (J Hunt), R J Williams, 9-0 ... E Johnson 15
66 0 Sovereign Island (Concorde Bloodstock Agency Ltd), W Guest, 9-0 ... B Raymond 21
78 Facing (Mrs A Dale), D Dale, 8-11 ... M Miller 20
81 Lady of Renown, (W Hawn), J W Watts, 8-11 ... E Hide 4
83 0 Miss Tourist (B), (M Samlalsingh), J Sutcliffe, 8-11 ... N Adams 7 1
86 Walet Khet, (A Clore), B Hills, 8-11 ... S Cauthen 14

4-1 Silk Screen, 9-2 Paternoster Row, 5-1 Sir Blessed, 7-1 Rocamadour, 8-1 Parisio, 10-1 Aloa, 12-1 Hippo Disco, Seabattle, Walet Khet, 14-1 others.

5.35 WESTLEY STAKES (Div III: 2-y-o maidens: £3,057: 7f)
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Lingfield Park results

2.0 (2.3) PURLEY STAKES (Selling 3-y-o: £1,892: 1¼m)
FARIDELLA gr f by Silly Season—Fair Fabiola (D Rolt) 8-12 bl ... P Eddery (7-2 fav) 1
Hannonball ... B Rouse (14-1) 2
Golden Aliray ... D Dineley (9-1) 3
TOTE: win, 28p; places, 16p, 34p, 30p. Dual forecast: £2.80. CSF: £5.69. I Walker, at Newmarket. 5l, 2l. Mrs Bubbard (8-1) 4th. 15 ran. 2m 16.71s. Winner bought in for 2,500 gns.

2.30 (2.33) NUTFIELD STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o maiden fillies: £1,073: 5f)
SOUND OF THE SEA b f by Windjammer—Running Cedar (Lt-Col W Wetherly) 8-11 ... R Curant (5-2) 1
Recline ... G Baxter (11-8 fav) 2
Karen's Birthday S Salmon (10-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 14p, 11p. Dual forecast: 28p. CSF: 58p. W Wightman, at Upham. 2l, 4l. Clares Loch (33-1) 4th. 7 ran. 1m 03.61s.

3.00 (3.3) JOHN SUTCLIFFE TROPHY HANDICAP (Nursery 2-y-o: £2,299: 7f)
SPANISH POOL b g by Gay Fandango—Watermark (Mrs M Haggas) 8-11 ... B Taylor (9-1) 1
Rosananti ... P Eddery (2-1 fav) 2
Final Strike ... P Robinson (9-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 98p; places, 26p, 14p, 15p. Dual forecast: £1.48. CSF: £2.65. J Hindley, at Newmarket. 2l, 1½l. Turkoman (33-1) 4th. 11 ran. 1m 27.54s.

3.30 (3.35) HARTFIELD STAKES (3-y-o: £2,004: 1½m)
REGAIN, b f, by Relko—Defy (Sir R McAlpine), 8-8 ... P Eddery (5-6 fav) 1
Dutch Princess ... J Matthias (20-1) 2
More Oats ... W R Swinburn (2-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 18p; places, 11p, 13p, 10p. Dual F: £1.49. CSF: £1.69. J Dunlop, at Arundel. 7l, 5l. Rivers Lad (50-1) 4th. 10 ran. 2m 49.61s. NR: My Annassar.

4.00 (4.4) NUTFIELD STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o maiden fillies: £1,086: 5f)
SHAROKEE, ch f, by Key To The Kingdom—Sharonner (P Savill), 8-11 ... W R Swinburn (4-5 fav) 1
Churra ... J Reid (8-1) 2
Lucayan Lady ... R Cochrane (4-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 14p; places, 17p, 17p, 12p. Dual F: 42p. CSF: 79p. M Stoute, at Newmarket. Neck, ½l. Miss Marstain (25-1) 4th. 10 ran. 1m 02.93s.

4.30 (4.34) WOLDINGHAM HANDICAP (£2,123: 1½m)
ORATAVO, br g, by The Brianstan—Nimble Star (A Gretton) 3-7-13 ... A Clark (9-2) 1
K-Sera ... P Bradwell (9-2) 2
La Piccolina ... N Howe (12-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 18p, 16p, 43p. Dual F: £2.47. CSF: £2.50. J Sutcliffe, at Epsom. 1l, 2l. Seven Seas (3-1 fav) 4th. 13 ran. 2m 16.02s. NR: Diwali.
TOTE DOUBLE: Spanish Pool, Sharokee, £12.65. TOTE TREBLE: Sound of the Sea, Regain, Oratavo, £45.25. PLACEPOT: £6.80.

Haydock Park

2.0: 1, Cons Pal (20-1); 2, Mills High (9-1); 3, Miss Markey (7-4 fav). 17 ran.
2.30: 1, Market Rose (16-1); 2, Milanion (10-1); 3, Grey Green (16-1). Wednesday Boy 11-4 fav. 17 ran.
3.0: 1, Ski's Double (6-1); 2, Hot Fire (6-1); 3, Earl's Court (7-1). Skyline Drive 11-2 fav. 15 ran.
3.30: 1, Shadeniah (4-1 jt fav); 2, Norfolk Realm (12-1); 3, City's Sister (14-1). Canaille other jt fav. 12 ran.
4.0: 1, Master-Blow (5-1); 2, Chart Topper (9-1); 3, Moysprulz (20-1). I'm Vexed 2-1 fav. 21 ran. NR: Bond House, Swinging Baby.
4.30: 1, Dunham Park (9-1); 2, Ame To Kill (5-1 fav); 3, Bertida (8-1). 18 ran. NR: Norroy.
5.0: 1, Angus Sprite (8-1); 2, Tai Fu Kwa (7-2 fav); 3, Bhaibundi Chewunja (20-1). 15 ran.

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2.15: 1, Mouldy Old Dough (10-1); 2, Mister Cool (3-1 fav); 3, Merry Meadow (7-2). 9 ran. NR: Wylam Boy.
2.45: 1, Prince of Spain (9-1); 2, Migrator (15-8 fav); 3, Freight Forwarder (4-1). 13 ran.
3.15: 1, Run To Me (100-1); 2, Britannicus (8-1); 3, Runwick Prospect (8-1). Irish Whiskey 8-15 fav. 13 ran. NR: Barbara's Ball.
3.45: 1, General Election (10-11 fav); 2, Shenmoon (6-1); 3, Mannsboy (8-1). 5 ran.
4.15: 1, Brother Will (5-2 jt fav); 2, Philwin (40-1); 3, The Vinegar Man (100-30). Bowshot other jt fav. 7 ran.
4.45: 1, Miya Jadge (3-1 fav); 2, Whittington (7-2); 3, Master's Voice (20-1). 15 ran.

Haydock Park programme

[Television (ITV): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.35 races]

1.30 CROWN APPRENTICE CHAMPIONSHIP (Handicap: £2,313: 2m)

2 4100 Angelo Salvini, M H Easterby, 6-9-10 ... Hodgson 5
4 3044 Prow, S Nesbitt, 4-9-7 ... Campbell 10
6 2421 Brave The Reef (CD), I Balding, 4-8-10 ... Payne 2
7 1400 Shooting Butts, R Hollinshead, 3-8-6 ... Anderson 7 8
10 3021 Wild Rosie (CD), C Thornton, 5-7-8 ... Nesbitt 7
11 0021 Royal and Loyal (B), E Eldin, 3-7-7 ... Mackay 9
13 4001 Young Robin, N Crump, 4-7-7 ... Carlisle 5
15 0200 Systems Analysis (CD), A Smith, 5-7-7 ... — 4
15 0002 Padski, R Hollinshead, 8-7-7 ... Paul Eddery 11
17 The Baker, F Yardley, 11-7-7 ... — 1
18 0-000 Ladyswood, K Bridgwater, 4-7-7 ... J Blake 3

4-1 Wild Rosie, 9-2 Brave The Reef, 5-1 Royal and Loyal, 13-2 Young Robin, 8-1 Angelo Salvini, 12-1 Prow, 14-1 Shooting Butts, 16-1 Padski, 20-1 others.

2.0 OTIS HANDICAP (£8,063: 6f)

3 4040 Exclusively Raised (B), M Stoute, 3-9-8 ... Rowe 10
4 0230 Overtrick (D), J Dunlop, 6-9-6 ... Connorton 5 11
5 0001 Tre Fontane (D), M Jarvis, 3-8-13 ... P Young 8
6 1422 Maryland Cookie (D, B), J Bethell, 3-8-12 ... I Johnson 9
8 0000 Ferriby Hall (CD), A Smith, 4-8-10 ... — 2
10 2203 Croftball (CD), R Whitaker, 3-8-3 ... Carlisle 5 8
11 3400 Easterly Wind (CD), C Nelson, 3-8-2 ... Rogers 12
14 0000 Laser Lady (CD), W Haigh, 7-7-12 ... Wood 4
15 1140 Haven Cool (D, B), Mrs M Rimell, 5-7-12 ... Wigham 1
17 0002 Swinging Rhythm, J Holt, 3-7-7 ... Lowe 7
18 0040 Russian Winter (C,D, B), A W Jones, 6-7-7 ... Mackay 5 6
20 3000 Friendly Fun (C, B), N Crump, 6-7-7 ... Nesbitt 5 3

7-2 Croftball, 4-1 Maryland Cookie, 5-1 Tre Fontaine, 6-1 Overtrick, 8-1 Ferriby Hall, 12-1 Exclusively Raised, 14-1 Haven Cool, 16-1 Russian Winter, 20-1 others.

2.35 BROOKE BOND CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL (Handicap: Amateurs: £3,880: 1½m)

2 2303 Ray Charles, G Harwood, 5-11-13 ... Wilson 13
4 4030 Grey Mountain, P Kelleway, 8-11-3 ... Miss G Kelleway 9
6 2322 Dr Steve, R Sheather, 5-11-2 ... Bailey 12
9 2200 Priestcroft Boy (C), M H Easterby, 8-10-7 ... Easterby 3
11 4400 Commonty, J Bethell, 3-10-5 ... Hutchinson 1
13 4302 Sir Domino, F Durr, 3-9-13 ... Maxine Carvalho 6
14 11/0- Mon Beaux (CD), F Yardley, 7-9-11 ... Carol Yardley 5 8
15 0030 Red Report, F Durr, 3-9-11 ... Lydia Pearce 5 10
18 0/00 Connaught King, M Eckley, 4-9-8 ... — 5
20 1003 Wicrwell (CD), A W Jones, 8-9-7 ... Diana Jones 14
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3.5 BUGGINS FARM NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £6,120: 6f)

1 1310 Jump Jar (CD), M H Easterby, 9-7 ... Hodgson 5 3
4 2230 Royal Revenge, P Rohan, 9-1 ... Dwyer 6
5 31 Master Cawston (D), H Wragg, 9-0 ... Parr 5 4
7 100 Whey, Thomson Jones, 8-10 ... Rogers 7
11 1000 Firdale Rosie, W Wharton, 8-7 ... Payne 5 2
12 4331 Strath of Orchy (D), K Stone, 8-11 ... Wigham 5
13 0000 Broadway Lodge, C Wildman, 8-3 ... Paul Eddery 5 1
20 4200 Time To Reflect, M Camacho, 7-7 ... — 8
23 1004 Knight Security (CD), J Berry, 7-7 ... Charnock 9

5-4 Master Cawston, 11-4 Strath of Orchy, 9-2 Jump Jar, 8-1 Whey, 12-1 Knight Security, 14-1 others.

3.35 SALE STAKES (Selling: £1,448: 1m)

1 0300 Deputy, N Tinkler, 4-9-4 ... Dwyer 12
3 0000 Heavenly Ruler, A Smith, 4-9-4 ... Wigham 14
4 0240 Italian Master, D Garraton, 4-9-4 ... Seagrave 1
5 0000 Kings Town (C, B), K Ivory, 4-9-4 ... P Young 7
6 0040- White's Umbrella, P Bevan, 4-9-4 ... — 11
7 2024 Eliza De Rich, R Hollinshead, 4-9-1 ... Perks 10
9 4341 Irrawaddy, E Carr, 4-9-1 ... Webster 3
10 0040 Manna Bitter (B), A Balding, 4-9-1 ... Charnock 13
11 -0000 Bagatil, S Holland, 3-8-11 ... — 6
14 -0004 Reidor, W Haigh, 3-8-11 ... Wood 9
17 2311 Whangarei, B McMahon, 3-8-8 ... Dineley 2
19 4030 Abalight (B), W Wharton, 3-8-6 ... Payne 5 4
21 0202 Maurice's Tip (B), M Tompkins, 3-8-6 ... A Mackay 5 8
25 3003 The Beginning, C Booth, 3-8-3 ... Oldroyd 5

100-30 Irrawaddy, 4-1 Whangarei, 6-1 Eliza de Rich, 13-2 Deputy, 8-1 Abalight, 10-1 Reidor, 12-1 Maurice's Tip, 16-1 others.

4.5 NORTH LANCASHIRE STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £2,600: 1m)

2 0003 Attached, I Balding, 9-0 ... Payne 5 7
5 Dalbra, J Toller, 9-0 ... P Young 10
6 2402 Dolkas (B), I Walker, 9-0 ... Colquhoun 3
7 0044 Frogtown, G Harwood, 9-0 ... Saxton 6
8 00 Glenrieffe, R Baker, 9-0 ... Lowe 1
12 0- Mount Irvine Bay, J Bethell, 9-0 ... Johnson 12
13 0320 Prince Reviewer, A W Jones, 9-0 ... Wigham 12
14 0 Redwyn, P Brookshaw, 9-0 ... — 6
15 3004 Rio Deva, R Hollinshead, 9-0 ... Hayes 11
17 44-21 Turn Back The Time, B Hills, 9-0 ... Willey 7 8
27 4420 Treeline, J Tree, 8-11 ... Raymond 9
28 0040 Verda, R Hannon, 8-11 ... Seagrave 4

11-8 Turn Back The Times, 5-1 Treeline, 8-1 Dolkas, 10-1 Frogtown, 12-1 Rio Deva, Attached, 16-1 others.

Haydock Park selections

By Michael Seely
1.30 Wild Rosie. 2.0 Overtrick. 2.35 Ray Charles. 3.5 Royal Revenge. 3.35 Italian Master. 4.5 Turn Back The Time.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Royal and Loyal. 2.0 Tre Fontane. 2.35 Grey Mountain. 3.5 Whey. 3.35 Maurice's Tip. 4.5 Dolkas.

Newmarket selections

By Michael Seely
1.45 Prima Voce. 2.20 Home on the Range. 3.0 Baronet. 3.35 Centroline. 4.5 Barwin. 4.35 Simply Great. 5.5 Count Pahlen. 5.35 Good Performer.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Prima Voce. 2.20 Star Pastures. 3.0 Buzzards Bay. 3.35 Shaftesbury. 4.5 Barwin. 4.35 Simply Great. 5.5 Count Pahlen. 5.35 Good Performer.

Chepstow NH

[Television (BBC 1): 1.30, 2.00, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

1.30 DAILY MIRROR CONDITIONAL HURDLE (Handicap: £1,274: 2m)
11-1 Sandra Bella, 6-12-5 ... Michelle Sharda 3
42/ Princely Mark, 9-11-12 ... Cargeeg 3
34-0 Forest Lodge, 6-11-6 ... P Richards
504 Hever, 6-11-5 ... Millman
011- Virgin Soldier, 5-11-2 ... McIlmatrick 3
43-4 Elsell, 6-10-12 ... O'Hagan
23/ British Crown, 5-10-10 ... J Davies 5
404 Castile, 15-10-7 ... Cathy Bramhall 5
1/0 Amberaries, 6-10-7 ... Harrington
000- Chica-s Beau, 5-10-7 ... Furlong 5
0-00 Embuscade, 7-10-7 ... C Williams 7
15-8 British Crown, 3-1 Sandra Bella, 5-1 Virgin Soldier, 6-1 Forest Lodge.

2.0 DOUBLE DIAMOND HURDLE (Handicap: £2,650: 2½m)
001- Hill of Slane, 5-11-10 ... Smith Eccles
143- Crimson Embers, 6-11-5 ... Shilston
1-10 Tru Mar, 5-11-3 ... Morshead
410- Glamour Show, 5-11-0 ... Champion
2-rp Grand Hussar, 7-10-8 ... Cathy Bramhall 7
403- Upton Bishop, 7-10-6 ... Linley
01/ Rising Falcon, 9-10-5 ... Haynes
-481 Mayotte, 6-10-2 ... P Richards
112 Cabin Boy, 7-10-1 ... H Davies
00/ Mallard Song, 7-10-0 ... John Williams
250 What A Mint, 7-10-0 ... P Hobbs
0-30 Newark, 6-10-0 ... Gracey
000- Tempest Girl, 8-10-0 ... McKevitt
5-2 Crimson Embers, Hill of Slane, 4-1 Tru Mar, 5-1 Rising Falcon.

2.30 MERCEDES BENZ CHASE (Handicap: £3,132: 3m)
000- Good Prospect, 12-11-10 ... Linley
305- Tommy Joe, 11-11-9 ... Pimlott
300- Spider Man, 10-10-4 ... May
-011 Jock's Bond, 7-10-1 ... Mr Nicholls 7
3p1- Glen Berg, 6-10-0 ... Mooney
03-1 Marchant, 9-10-0 ... Hoare
31-0 Hobo, 10-10-0 ... G Jones
114 Whistle For Jack, 6-10-0 ... C Brown
0-42 Kirdmo Star, 8-10-0 ... McKevitt 7
15-8 Tommy Joe, 3-1 Marchant, 9-2 Glen Berg, 6-1 Jock's Bond.

3.0 FREE HURDLE (Handicap: 4-y-o: £4,487: 2m)
112- Drumburn, 11-10 ... Haynes
021- Capitano, 11-2 ... W Smith
00f- Great Developer, 11-1 ... Scudamore
30-0 Franciscus, 10-13 ... Smith Eccles
100- Imperium, 10-13 ... Champion
11- King Hustler, 10-11 ... B R Davies
111- Court Green, 10-8 ... Shilston
-320 Kartinsky, 10-5 ... JJ O'Halloran
134- York Cottage, 10-3 ... Linley
2-30 Kasland, 10-1 ... Gracey
00-3 Luxuriate, 10-1 ... M Williams
9-4 Drumburn, 4-1 Capitano, 6-1 Luxuriate, King Hustler.

3.30 VARIETY CHASE (Novices: £1,436: 2½m)
p/1 Adro's Comfort, 8-11-12 ... Shilston
2-01 Pembi Chase, 8-11-12 ... Cargeeg 7
f0 Cakobole, 6-11-5 ... Hyett
0-3 Conna Valley, 6-11-5 ... Scudamore
00-5 Kilcoen, 6-11-5 ... Jobar
f45 Man On The Run, 6-11-5 ... John Williams
3-u Superbreaks, 7-11-5 ... Champion
The Bosun's Chair, 8-11-5 ... Mr Peter Hobbs
p4/0 Velvet Lad, 10-11-5 ... Wilding
0p-0 Wandans, 6-11-5 ... Leach
/00- Coxmoore Knitwear, 5-11-0 ... Smith Eccles
pf-0 Lawies Slave, 6-11-0 ... Gracey
5-2 Adro's Comfort, 7-2 Conna Valley, 4-1 Pembi Chase, 6-1 Superbreaks.

4.0 LODGE HURDLE (Novices: £2,004: 2½m)
413 Bridegroom, 8-12-5 ... Mr Edwards 7
212 Ballacorey, 6-11-10 ... C Brown
0/0 Able Wren, 6-11-3 ... Scudamore
0- Baron Palles, 6-11-3 ... Pearson
/00- Culham, 6-11-3 ... Mrs Sheedy
0/0 Curlyland, 6-11-3 ... Gracey
43-0 Doctor Fitz, 6-11-3 ... C Smith
Fullston, 7-11-3 ... C Jones
Greek Glare, 6-11-3 ... Steve Knight
00f- Jenny Rose, 6-11-3 ... Griffiths 7
Kerry Jack, 6-11-3 ... W Smith
00p- Melerek, 6-11-3 ... Knar 4
00-4 Roman Victory, 6-11-3 ... Carneeg 7
00- Up and Down, 6-11-3 ... Haynes
Another Generation, 4-11-0 ... Champion
0 Concinnan, 4-11-0 ... Pimlott
7-4 Another Generation, 5-2 Kerry Jack, 6-1 Doctor Fitz, 8-1 Up and Down.

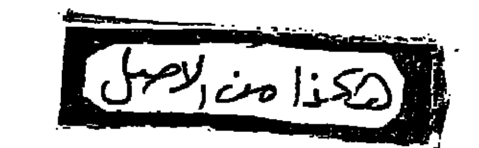
CHEPSTOW SELECTIONS (By Our Racing Staff): 1.30 British Crown. 2.0 Hill of Slane. 2.30 Tommy Joe. 3.0 Capitano. 3.30 Coxmoore Knitwear. 4.0 Kerry Jack.

STATE OF GOING (official): Chepstow, good; Kelso, good; Towcester, good to firm; Newmarket, good; Haydock Park, soft, top bend heavy. Monday: Edinburgh, good; Southwell, good; Bath, good to soft; Wolverhampton, straight soft, remainder good to soft.

BLINKERED FOR FIRST TIME: Newmarket: 1.45 Hithermoor Lass, 5.0 Junia.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: William Hill Futurity Stakes, Doncaster: Full Extent. All engagements (dead): Tia Way, Aventura, Warsaw Concerto, John Chisum, Tulli-o, Brandenburg, North Sea Tiger, Skinflick, Fetter Lane, Riny Reef, Lemon Grey, Maple Hill, Candidate, Beech Master, Spaulding Grace, Rajmata).

Bruce Raymond, Amoco jockey of the month with 21 winners, including a four-timer at Newbury, was fined £50 by the Haydock Park stewards yesterday for failing to weigh in on Cautious, who finished fourth to Market Rose in the first division of the Altrincham Selling Stakes.



Saturday Review

How five young Englishmen in canoes tackled some of the most dangerous white water ever attempted



Challenge on the Nile

by Chris Bonington

Mike Jones was only 16 when he heard Chris Bonington lecture on the descent of the Blue Nile by John Blashford-Snell's Army expedition in 1968, and resolved on the same adventure — but by canoe. Bonington describes him as having "an irrepressible quality... combined with a powerful physique and complete lack of fear."

Having canoed down the Inn in Austria and the Grand Canyon, Mike Jones, backed by a Winston Churchill Fellowship, organized an expedition to the Blue Nile in 1972. He was then a medical student at Birmingham University. His companions were Mick Hopkinson, a competition slalom canoeist from Bradford; Glen Greer, a canoeing friend from university; Dave Burkinshaw, a Rotherham school teacher; and Steve Nash, an electronics engineer from Reading and a member of the British white water team.

They took four canoes and, because the Blashford-Snell expedition had been fired on by bandits, they also carried revolvers and a shotgun. Six weeks after leaving London they came to Bahardar, a small town on the shores of Lake Tana...

They pushed the canoes into the water at the Bahardar bridge on the morning of September 3. Glen Greer had decided to paddle Steve Nash's boat that day, since the stretch down to the Tissisat Falls did not look too serious. Nash, with the Land-Rover, was going to meet them just above the falls that evening.

At first everything went well. On the first big cataract, down which we had been swept out of control in 1968, they were able to pick their way. The waters were big and powerful but nothing like as difficult as some white water in Britain.

Below the cataract, however, they ran into the same problems that we had encountered in 1968. Because of the number of channels and heavily overgrown islands they were unable to inspect each cataract on foot, before going down. They had no choice but to take them blind.

Mike Jones and Mick Hopkinson were out in front, taking one cataract at a time and then waiting for the others. Dave Burkinshaw and Glen Greer, less confident, were well behind. Greer was finding it particularly difficult, less at ease than the others in wild water, less adept at rolling back up once he had capsized.

The river was wide and shallow for long stretches, but then as they swept round a bend there was a roar of water; they could not see anything until they were on the very brink of the fall and completely committed. Jones, Hopkinson and Burkinshaw managed to shoot the fall, plunging down it to skirt a huge whirlpool, but Greer was sucked in, canoe and all, and vanished from sight.

It seemed an age, though was probably less than a minute, before a paddle came to the surface well below the whirlpool, then the canoe itself, badly smashed, popped vertically from out of the water. And still there was no sign of Glen Greer. At last he surfaced, almost a hundred metres downstream, badly shaken.

He insisted on carrying on, even though he was capsized and forced to swim for it on several more occasions. At the end of the day, still five miles short of the Tissisat Falls, they pulled into the bank and struggled for half a mile through the undergrowth to the road, where Steve Nash eventually found them and took them back to the hotel.

Dave Burkinshaw was becoming more and more worried about the whole venture. He had managed the first section without too much difficulty but was very aware that they had been paddling unladen canoes. Below the Tissisat Falls the river plunges through a series of gorges for the next 200 miles. They would have to carry their food, sleeping bags, radios and guns with them, all of which would make the canoes heavy and difficult to manoeuvre through cataracts which were probably going to be faster and more dangerous than anything they had faced before.

On top of that were the threats of crocodiles and bandits. He wanted time to think and insisted on staying out of the river the next day to go down and look at the waters below the falls. Steve Nash also stayed out and Glen Freer had had enough of canoeing; his role, anyway, was that of shore party.

The next morning Mike Jones and Mick Hopkinson returned to the river. In spite of its volume they were enjoying themselves. They made a good team, paddled at the same standard and had a similar attitude to risk. They picked their way through winding channels, past tree-clad islands, shot tumbling cataracts and saw their first crocodile — a dark shape in the murky brown water.

It was late afternoon before they reached the top of the Tissisat Falls, hauled the boats out of the river and carried them to the road. Mike wanted to return to the water at the Portuguese bridge below the hydro-electric station. Pleased with the day's canoeing and full of optimism, they rejoined the team to face a crisis.

Dave Burkinshaw announced that he was not prepared to go any further since he was convinced that they would be unable to control heavily laden canoes in the rapids. Jones disagreed and a furious argument ensued, culminating in Burkinshaw saying that he was going to return home.

Next morning Jones, Hopkinson and Nash, watched by Burkinshaw, Greer and a large group of local dignitaries, set out just below the Portuguese bridge. At this point the river races down in a series of furious rapids. With the canoes heavily laden, it was difficult to manoeuvre through the torrent, and they had gone only 275 metres when Nash hit a rock, ripped the bottom out of his canoe and was forced to bail out. The other two pulled into the bank. It was obvious that they could never get down these waters heavily laden.

Jones decided that their only course was to dump as much as possible and travel down really light, living off the land — or just going hungry. After all, they should be able to reach the Shafartak road bridge in four days. Nash thought this ridiculous; the risks were altogether too great.

Swirling waters and cataracts

In the end they compromised. Nash suggested that he and Burkinshaw should act as a bank party, carrying their canoes and all the supplies round the difficult stretch of river — which they knew to be about twenty miles — while Jones and Hopkinson, travelling light, tried to canoe it. They would meet up again at the second Portuguese bridge. This also had the advantage of bringing Burkinshaw back into the expedition. He agreed to join Nash on the walk and to canoe the river from the second Portuguese bridge.

It was now September 6. Jones and Hopkinson returned to the river with just their sleeping bags, a radio, a cine camera, a pistol each and a little food — a bar of Kendal Mint Cake, an oatmeal block and a Rowntree's jelly. Both admitted to being scared, but were determined to complete the river.

The canoes, although lighter now, were still unwieldy. Fierce cataracts alternated with stretches of brown swirling waters which gave a feeling of unpredictable power. After twelve miles they reached a point where the huge volume of the Blue Nile was compressed into a rocky passage a bare metre and a half wide that led into a boiling cauldron. This was the place where the white water team of the previous expedition had pulled their rubber boats out of the river. Hopkinson and Jones did the same, but paid some men who were working in the fields to carry the canoes a short distance round the obstacle.

They returned to the river at the start of the long gorge contained by sheer walls, thirty metres high, which we had avoided in 1968. It was the most committing stretch of water that Jones and Hopkinson had ever ventured on.

There was no possibility of any reconnaissances of the cataracts from the bank; they could not escape from the river, for the racing waters had carved away the black volcanic rock of the gorge walls into a continuous overhanging lip. There were hardly any eddies for them to rest in; they had to keep going, weaving their way through the cataracts, trying to read the maze of foaming waves and tumbling water, cutting their way across the troughs of giant stoppers, skirting boiling whirlpools.

They took turns in going out in front, never knowing what was going to face them round the next bend. Their necks ached from the continuous craning to see over the crests of waves; there was no release from the tension, no chance to relax. Mick Hopkinson admitted to being more frightened in this section than ever before or since.

It was five o'clock in the afternoon and tropical dusk was close when they noticed a slight bay on the right. There was some slack water and a steep watercourse cutting its way through the wall of the gorge. They swung into it, had a desperate struggle to heave the boats out of the water and then started to scramble up the boulder-strewn slope, canoes balanced precariously over their shoulders.

Out in front, Mike Jones stumbled on a huge boulder; it started rolling, bounding down towards Hopkinson coming up behind. He dived out of the way and just managed to avoid it.

Shaken, exhausted, they reached the top of the slope and found a thicket in which to get some shelter for the night. It started to rain, quickly soaking their clothes and sleeping bags, but they dared not light a fire for fear of attracting bandits. Munching Kendal Mint Cake and chewing through some jelly, they joked about the fact that it was Mike Jones' twenty-first birthday, then tried to settle down for the night.

Both slept lightly, shivering in wet sleeping bags, frightened by every rustle in the undergrowth. Mike woke up on one occasion to find himself holding his cocked and loaded pistol, finger on the trigger, to Hopkinson's head.

At last the dawn came. They could not bring themselves to put the canoes back into the gorge, particularly as the cataracts just ahead were even worse than those they had been through the previous day.

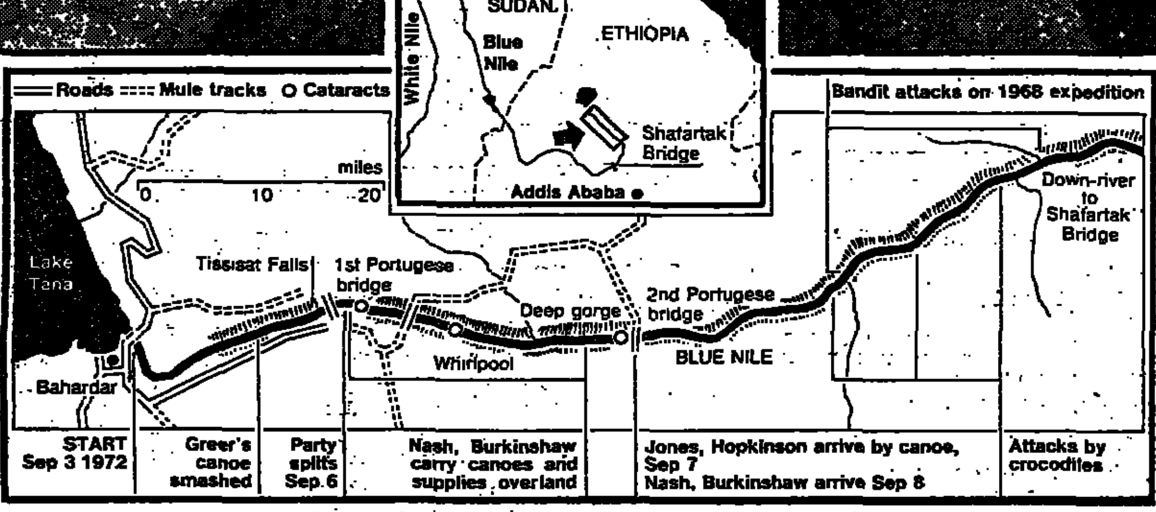
Instead they decided to carry them for about a mile, round the top of the gorge, struggling through undergrowth, up and down over stream beds until the walls of the defile began to relent and they were able to return to the water. It was still very fast and threatening; they were both very tired and as a result both had narrow escapes.

Hopkinson was in front as they came to the top of a fall. At first glamce it did not look too bad, a shoot of brown water leading to swirling brown waters below. It was only when he was on the brink that he realised that the water was thundering over a drop of nearly five metres.

As he plummeted down he stood on his foot rest, leaning back against the canoe to reduce the impact when he hit the water below. Fortunately there were no rocks and he arrowed down into the middle of the pool of boiling water, completely submerged, and than shot out just beyond it, his close fitting spray deck keeping the water out of the canoe. He managed to skate past the top of the fall and find an easier way down, further across. A few hundred metres further on Jones was caught in a huge whirlpool; he was spun round and round, helpless in the huge vortex before several minutes of frantic paddling enabled him to escape.

They reached the second Portuguese bridge that same afternoon. There was no sign of their bank support party and so they set up camp a few hundred metres above the bridge. They were careful to hide the guns and their very obvious poverty was probably their best defence. What little money they had left had been spent on paying the local people to carry their canoes round the start of the gorge.

In the next two days, while awaiting the arrival of the others, they bartered the few scanty articles of clothing they had with them for potatoes. In the afternoon of the second day Nash and Burkinshaw, with nine porters, reached the bridge. They were all exhausted, for they had had to walk about ninety miles of very steep and difficult going; the porters had become increasingly nervous as they got farther away from home and at one point Nash had been forced to threaten them with his loaded revolver to stop them dropping the canoes and deserting.



The expedition's route; above and inset, Mike Jones, the expedition leader

Mike Jones could sense an almost immediate change of atmosphere among the rapidly-growing crowd of local people, all of them armed with rifles, now that they saw the size of the team and the amount of gear they carried. It did not seem wise to hang around longer than was absolutely necessary and so that very afternoon they loaded the canoes and pulled out into the river...

It was now both wide and deep, comparatively easy canoeing, even when heavily laden. That day they paddled a few miles downstream and stopped for a big celebration tea, lighting a fire and gorging themselves to the full, and then set off once again paddling until it was very nearly dark before slipping in to a slight inlet and bedding down among the bushes without ligthing a fire. In this way they hoped to avoid being discovered by the local people.

Using this technique they managed to get down to the Shafartak bridge in four days. They were fired upon once by a group on the bank, but their progress was so swift and surreptitious that they avoided the trouble we had encountered in 1968.

A race with a crocodile

Crocodiles, on the other hand, gave them some severe frights. We had been towed down the slower, more meandering section of the river by one of the big assault boats and, as a result, had hardly noticed the crocodiles. They, however, were paddling at about the same speed as a crocodile swims and, to a crocodile, a canoe must closely resemble a very large fish. They had heard tales of crocodiles biting canoes in half and, sitting in a fragile, fibreglass shell; you don't feel like taking any chances when a five-metre crocodile comes cruising through the water to take a look at you.

Dave Burkinshaw was some hundred metres in front of the others when he noticed the distinctive V-wave coming up fast behind him. He put on speed, hoping that he could out-paddle it, having heard that crocodiles lack stamina. After about a hundred metres he was beginning to tire and he glanced round to see that the crocodile seemed to be gaining on him.

By this time he was naturally very, very frightened. He turned for the bank and paddled flat out for it. He was, of course, fastened into the canoe by his spray cover and, to make himself even more secure, he had doubled up with a second one. This meant it was always quite a struggle to free himself from the canoe, but now — with the strength of desperation — he succeeded in tearing off the covers with one hand between racing strokes of the paddle, leaping out of the canoe in a single movement as it ran aground.

The crocodile was more interested in the canoe and, as it drifted off, he followed it downstream. The others had seen Dave's spring for the bank and followed as quickly as they could. Steve, who wore his pistol in a shoulder holster, was the only one with a gun readily available. With considerable courage, realising that he had to recover Dave's canoe, he paddled right up to the crocodile and emptied the magazine of his revolver into it at point blank range. The crocodile sank from sight, so they could not be sure whether it had been killed or not.

From this point, every stretch of slack water had its resident crocodiles who came out to investigate the intruders. Jones and Hopkinson now kept their guns at the ready, but Burkinshaw was unarmed and had to content himself with a little pile of stones. They now kept close together, but had several more encounters and had used up most of their ammunition by the time they reached the Shafartak bridge.

They arrived there on September 12, tired and very tense from twelve days of nerve-wracking canoeing, the threat of crocodiles and a danger of possible attack by local people. They had originally planned to go all the way to the Sudan, but now all of them, I suspect, were beginning to have second thoughts. They had to wait a day at the bridge, both for Glen Greer with the support Land-Rover and also for a Reuter's correspondent who had arranged to meet them there.

It was a period of relaxation after tension; the bridge was somehow a natural boundary to the venture and yet there was the pressure of their expressed intentions. Mike Jones, perhaps, felt obliged to urge them on, down past the bridge; after all, the expedition had been his concept.

At first the other three were doubtful. Dave Burkinshaw had definitely had enough; Mick Hopkinson observed that they had very nearly run out of ammunition and that there would be even more crocodiles below the bridge than there had been above. It was not as if the river itself would provide a challenge — they knew they could manage the water. It was the threat of crocodiles and bandits and the fact that there was no road from the river once they had reached the border that deterred them now. They were not a closely-knit team, had never been away on expeditions before and this, of course, was their first venture into really wild country.

Steve Nash, after a night's rest, came round to wanting to complete the journey, but by now Mike Jones had swung away from it, saying that there was no point in going on if they were not united. This, I suspect, was the crux of the problem, and in the end they piled their canoes into the Land-Rover and drove to Addis Ababa. They may not have completed their objective, but they had descended more of the upper part of the Blue Nile than anyone else has succeeded doing to this day and, in so doing, had tackled some of the most dangerous white water that anyone has ever attempted.

Mike Jones went on with Hopkinson to canoe down the river that runs out of the Khumbu Glacier on Everest. In 1978 on the Braldu river in Pakistan he was swept away and drowned while going to the rescue of a member of the team who had fallen out of his canoe. He was 26.

This extract is taken from Quest for Adventure *in which Chris Bonington looks at the motives and experiences of some of the major explorers and adventurers of the past 30 years. The book will be published by Hodder and Stoughton on October 12 at £14.95.*

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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

Sunday 4 Oct 3.15 p.m.	YOUNG MUSICIANS' SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA James Blair (cond), Julian Lloyd Webber (cello). Tchaikovsky Marche Slave; Capriccio Italien. Elgar Cello Concerto; Enigma Variations. £1.50, £2.20, £3, £3.70, £4.50, £5 Unilever/YMSO
Sunday 4 Oct 7.30 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA London Philharmonic Choir. C. Eschenbach (cond), B. Gorzynska (vln). Schubert Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished); Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E minor; Verdi Four Sacred Pieces. £3, £4, £5, £6, £7 (only). LP
Tuesday 6 Oct 8 p.m.	DRESDEN STAATSKAPELLE GDR Herbert Blomstedt (conductor). Weber Overture, Oberon; Mozart Symphony No. 33; Beethoven Symphony No. 3 (Eroica). £2, £3, £4, £5, £6, £7 Borsdorf & Co. Ltd.
Wednesday 7 Oct 5.55 p.m.	ORGAN SPECTRUM JENNIFER BATE (organ) Bram Wiggins (trumpet). Telemann "Heroic Music" (exc); Fantini "4 dances"; Bach Chorale Prelude, BWV.659; Toccata, BWV.540. wks by J Parrott*, Roger-Ducasse, F Peeters, L-E Larsson*. (*organ & tpt). £1.50 unreserved Royal Festival Hall
Wednesday 7 Oct 8 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY London Philharmonic Orchestra Sir George Solti (cond.) Ian Hobson (Winner of 1981 Leeds Int Pnoforte Comp). Beethoven Ov. Leonora No. 3; Piano Conc No. 2; Carter Vars for Orchestra; Debussy La Mer £2, £3, £4, £5, £6 (only). R.P.S.
Thursday 8 Oct 8 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Simon Rattle (conductor) John Lill (piano). Haydn Symphony No. 95; Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1; Sibelius Symphony No. 5 £2, £4, £5 (only) Philharmonia Ltd.
Friday 9 Oct 8 p.m.	HALLE ORCHESTRA James Loughran (conductor), Janet Baker (mezzo-sop) Beethoven Overture, Egmont; Berlioz Nuits d'été; Brahms Symphony No. 1. £2, £3, £4, £5, £6, £7 Hallé Concerts Society
Sunday 11 Oct 3.15 p.m.	MUSIC FROM THE BALLET London Concert Orchestra M. Ends (cond), Sir A. Dolin (pres.). Prog inc: Delibes Coppelia (exc); Tchaikovsky Ste Nutcracker; Sleeping Beauty (exc), Swan Lake; wks by Weber/Berlioz, SaintSaëns. £1.60, £2.80, £3.70, £4.60, £5.30. R Gubbay Ltd.
Sunday 11 Oct 7.30 p.m.	In the presence of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra. PHILHARMONIA ORCH. Harlow Chorus, NELP Chorus, Frank Shipway (cond) J Gomez, A Howells, R Leggate, J Shirley-Quirk Wagner Parsifal (exc.); Williamson Mass of Christ King £3.30, £4.40, £5.50, £6.60, £7.70 (only) Karites
Monday 12 Oct 5.55 p.m.	CONCERT PLATFORM (RFH Waterloo Room) 1st in a series of talks arranged in collaboration with Morley College. Michael Graubart on Mahler's Symphony No 6 to be performed by the Frankfurt SO later in the evening. The talk will be followed by informal discussion. £1. Royal Fes Hall
Monday 12 Oct 8 p.m.	FRANKFURT RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Eliahu Inbal (conductor) Britten Four Sea Interludes (Peter Grimes) Mahler Symphony No. 6 £2.00, £3.00, £4.00, £5.00, £6.00, £7.00 Harold Holt Ltd
Tuesday 13 Oct 8 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Sir George Solti (conductor) Mendelssohn Symphony No. 3 (Scottish); Schubert Symphony No. 9 (Great). £2.00, £3.00, £4.00, £5.00, £6.00, £7.00. LPO Ltd
Wednesday 14 Oct 5.55 p.m.	ORGAN SPECTRUM JOHN SCOTT Choristers of St Paul's Cathedral B Rose (dir) A Butterfield (vln) Stanley Voluntary, Op. 6 2; Scheidt Magnificat Noni Toni; Buxtehude Prelude & Fugue in F sharp minor; Mendelssohn Sonata No. 5. £3.00, £4.00, £5.00, £6.00, £7.00 (only) BBC
Wednesday 14 Oct 8 p.m.	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA BBC Singers Gennadi Rozhdestvensky (conductor) Margaret Price (sop) Philip Langridge (tenor) (pl note change) John Shirley-Quirk (baritone) Haydn The Creation. £3.00, £4.00, £5.00, £6.00, £7.00 (only) BBC
Thursday 15 Oct 8 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Claudio Abbado (conductor) Maurizio Pollini (piano) Mozart Masonic Funeral Music (in memory of Karl Böhm); Brahms Piano Concerto No. 2; Dvorak Symphony No. 8. £3.00, £4.00, £5.00 (only) LSO Ltd
Friday 16 Oct 8 p.m.	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA London Choral Society Raymond Leppard (cond) Janet Price, Margaret Cable, José-L Garcia, J Frohlich. Bach Sinfonia from Cant No 174; Conc in D min for 2 vlns, BWV 1043, Ste No 3; Vivaldi Gloria. £3, £3.70, £4.40, £5, £6, £7 (only) ECO & Music S

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Today 3 Oct 7.45 p.m.	LONDON ORIANA CHOIR English Baroque Orchestra Leon Lovett (cond), S Chase, F Dobie, M Cable, W Kendall, B Rayner Cook. Mozart Coronation Mass, Vln Conc in D, K 218; Haydn Nelson Mass. £2.50, £3.50, £4, £4.50, £5 London Oriana Choir
Sunday 4 Oct 3 p.m.	IAN HOBSON—recital postponed to 2 Nov. at 7.45 p.m. This recital has been postponed due to Leeds Prize commitments. Ticket monies refunded at place of purchase; tickets are not valid for 2 November. Programme subject to change. Jane Gray
Sunday 4 Oct 7.15 p.m.	MONTEVERDI CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA John Eliot Gardiner (cond), P Kwella, C Denley, W Kendall, R Macann. Handel The King shall Rejoice (Coronation Anthem); Haydn Symphony No. 48 (Maria Theresa); Theresienmesse. £2, £3, £4, £5 MC&O Ltd.
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Wednesday 7 Oct 7.45 p.m.	NEW MOZART ORCHESTRA Clive Fairbairn (cond) Rolf Wilson (vln). Mozart Masonic Funeral Music, K.477; Violin Concerto in A, K 219, Symphony No. 29, Dvorák Serenade in D minor, Op. 44. £1.50, £2.25, £3, £3.75, £4.50 New Mozart Orchestra
Thursday 8 Oct 7.15 p.m.	BBC SINGERS John Poole (conductor). Brahms Seven Songs, Op 62, Five Songs Op. 104; Kodály Mátra Pictures, Bartók Hungarian Folk Songs; Schumann Six Songs, Op. [illegible], Four Songs, Op. 39. £1, £1.90, £2.10, £2.70, £3.20 BBC
Friday 9 Oct 7.45 p.m.	LONDON BACH ORCHESTA Julian Williamson (cond) Bach Suite No. 2, Mozart Piano Concerto in E flat, K.449, Telemann Concerto for three trumpets; Corelli Cncrto Grosso, Op. 6, No. 1, Boyce Symphony No. [illegible] £2.50, £3.20, £3.90, £4.30, £5 LBO Ltd
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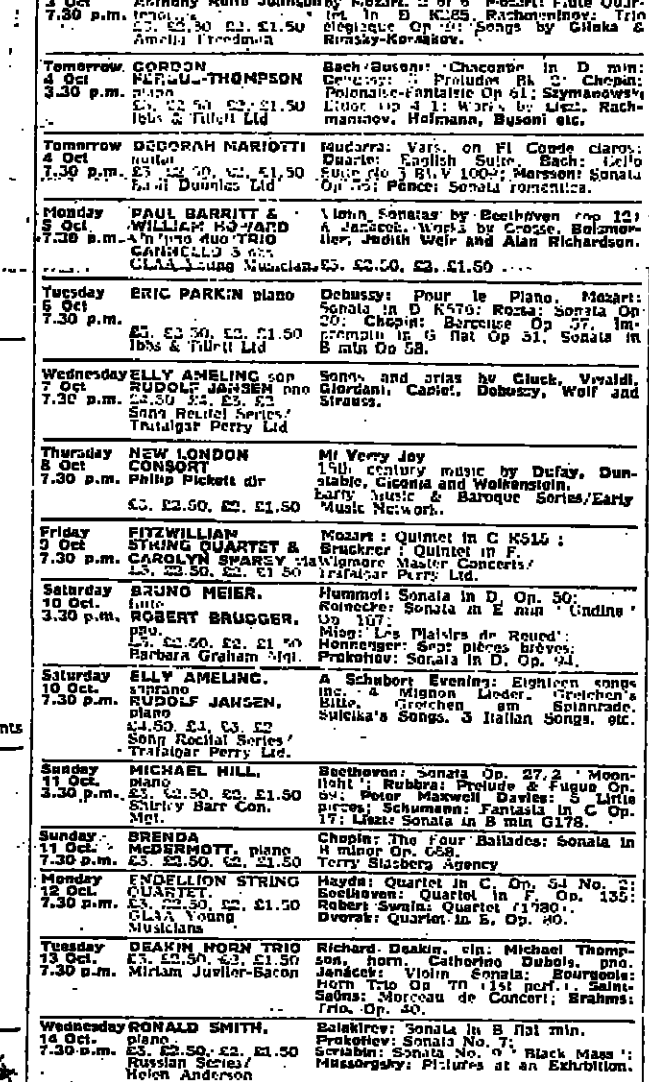
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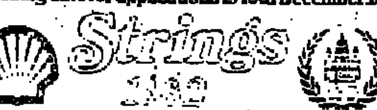
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LYRICS cc 437 3686 RICHARD BRIERS PETER EGAN Richard Pearson, Pat Heywood in Bernard Shaw's comedy ARMS AND THE MAN Prevs from 7 Oct 8.0. Opens 15 Oct 7.0.

LYTTELTON (NT's proscenium stage). Today 3.00 & 7.45 ON THE RAZZLE by Tom Stoppard adapted from Johann Nestroy.

MAYFAIR THEATRE 629 3036 (nr Green Pk Tube). Evgs 8.00 Mat Sat 5.00 JEREMY NICHOLAS in THREE MEN IN A BOAT by JEROME K. JEROME

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NEW END Hampstead. 435 6055-4. Ending Oct 4. BERKOFF IN "DECADENCE" Tues-Sun 8.30. Opening Sept 30. 10.30 "Theatrical Digs" Perrier commendation. Pick of Edinburgh Fringe 1981. Opening Oct 6. Judi Dench and Michael Williams in "Village Wooing/1933". Booking Now.

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OLIVIER (NT's open stage). Last perfs Today 2.00 & 7.15 THE LIFE OF GALILEO by Bertolt Brecht trans Howard Brenton. Mon 7.15 A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY. Today 10.30 am Workshop on Shakespeare's comedy with NT actors. Tkts £1.25

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PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE. 930 8681. CC Hotline 930 0846. PAUL DANIELS in IT'S MAGIC "TRIUMPH," Fin. Times. "A WINNER," Variety. "PURE MAGIC," Sun. Mirror. Mon-Thurs. 7.30. Fri & Sat. 5.30 & 8.00. Group Sales 379 6061

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CINEMAS

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ACADEMY 2. 437 5129. Andrzej Wajda's MAN OF IRON (A). Perfs. 2.50 (Not Sun) 5.30, 8.15.

ACADEMY 3. 437 8819. Kurosawa's SEVEN SAMURAI (X). Perfs. 4.15, 7.40. Daily.

CAMDEN PLAZA. 485 2443 opp. Camden Town Tube. LUIS BUNUEL'S classic film THE MILKY WAY (A). Subtitles. Daily 2.30. 4 35, 6.45, 9.00. Ends Wed 7 Oct.

CLASSIC 1 Tottenham Court Rd. 636 6148. FELLINI'S CITY OF WOMEN (X) progs: 2 50, 5 35, 8.25 Fri-Sat only 11pm.

CLASSIC 1 Chelsea, King's Rd. 352 5096. FELLINI'S CITY OF WOMEN (X) progs: 2.00, 4.50, 8 05

COLUMBIA, Shaftesbury Ave. (734 5414). A Roman Polanski Film TESS (A). Cont. progs. dly. 12.45 (not Sun) 4.10, 7.25pm.

CURZON, Curzon St. W1. 499 3737. Francois Truffaut's THE LAST METRO (A) Film at 12.15 (Sat only), 3.0, 6.0 and 8.30

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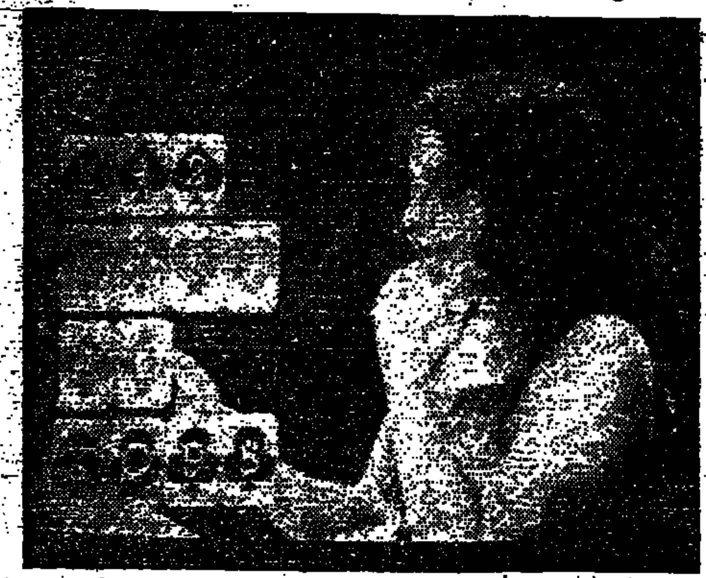
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From Gogol to go-karts

Bridge/Jeremy Flint

Bid for popularity



How television viewers will see the Grand Slam on BBC2

Some months ago I made some light-hearted predictions about the future development of the game. But I would have been astonished had I known how quickly a dream could become reality. Undeterred by the disasters that befell some early pioneers, the BBC has taken up the challenge of showing bridge on television.

The difficulty of televising bridge was highlighted by the bridge spectacular in 1970. At very considerable cost, the basement of the Piccadilly Hotel was turned into a film set. For a week Jonathan Cansino and I, representing Crockfords Club, struggled under the heat of the floodlights against Omar Sharif and the Italian Blue Team. The sad outcome of that experiment was cans and cans of film left to gather dust on the cutting room floor. Several subsequent attempts were all rejected.

The first programme of a 13-part series will be shown on BBC 2 on October 11 at 9.30 pm. It is devoted to an international match of 65 hands between Great Britain and the USA. Representing the USA are Gail Moss and Jacqui Mitchell, current World Olympic team champions, and Matthew Granovetta and Neil Silverman, two of the best American players of the younger school. Great Britain relies on Nicola Gardener and Pat Davies, members of the team which recently won the European Championship, assisted by the unusual partnership of Claude Rodrigue and myself. Naturally I cannot disclose the result, but I can assure you that the match contains some excellent and exciting play.

It would be impossible not to be impressed by the technical skill of all those associated with the production, especially the producer Peter Bazalgette and the executive producer, Mark Patterson. At one stage I was permitted to go into the control room, where the director, Jill Marshall, was seated in front of a battery of monitors and a variety of instruments. The authority with which she controlled the movements of the five cameras and the sound recording made me feel she could pilot the Concorde and cook an omelette at the same time.

A notable feature of the match was the aggressive competitive bidding by both by both sides*. On this hand, the British had the better of the argument.

East-West game. Dealer West.

North: ♠A Q 10 8 6 4 3 2 ♥K 3 ♦Q 10 ♣A 3
West: ♠8 ♥A J 9 8 4 ♦9 8 7 6 ♣J 8 2
East: ♠K 9 7 ♥— ♦A K 5 4 3 ♣Q 10 7 6 4
South: ♠J 5 ♥Q 10 7 6 5 2 ♦J 2 ♣K 9 5

Black Room
N: Granovetta; E. Davies; S Silverman; W. Gardener

W	N	E	S
No	1♠	2NT(1)	No(2)
4♥(3)	No(4)	5♦(5)	No
No	No	—	—

(1) The "unusual" 2NT showing both minors.
(2) A close decision, especially if 3♥ is forcing.
(3) A barrage bid rather than a constructive move.
(4) Superficially conservative, but 7-2-2-2 hands play poorly, and his vulnerable opponents are bidding as if they hold the cards.
(5) Possibly hoping that her partner had just a weeny bit more.

The Americans found the best defence, taking the ♠A, the two top clubs and a club ruff. 200 to USA.

White Room
N.: Flint; E.: Moss. S. Rodrigue, W: Mitchell.

W	N	E	S
No	1♠	2NT	3♥(1)
5♦(2)	5♠(3)	6♦(4)	No
No	Double	No	No
No	—	—	—

(1) Predictably Rodrigue chooses the aggressive bid.
(2) A fully-fledged barrage.
(3) A poor decision; 5♠ would have been defeated by two tricks.
(4) A worse decision. The East hand has excellent defensive prospects. To expect to make 6♦ is surely over-optimistic.

We failed to find the club ruff, so the penalty was only 500; 7 IMPs to Great Britain.

For years, bridge players have with justice complained that television has ignored their favourite game. The future of bridge on television depends on your response. Please watch the programme, and, whether you like it or not, let the BBC know you opinion.

Bridge beginners who own a video-tape recorder no longer have any excuse for failing to improve. Former European champion Nico Gardener, with Videorama Studios, has made a video cassette in which he clearly explains the fundamentals of the game. Few would dispute that Gardener is Britain's best bridge teacher. No one would dispute that he is the game's best showman.

Another of my "predictions" was an increasing interest in the strong pass system. Terence Reese, the British captain, has always taken a Puckish delight in making life difficult for the opposition. Perhaps it was his influence that persuaded two of our pairs in the European championships to use the pass in a constructive or semi-constructive sense. Sowter and Lodge play a pass to show 0-6 or 17+ high card points. The Walpurgis club is John Collings' brainchild. An opening of 1♣ shows:
(a) 0-8 high card points;
(b) 12-20 with a club suit;
(c) 20-23 with precisely 3-3-3-4 distribution.

A pass promises 9-12 points. In Birmingham, perhaps the Walpurgis club was " the source of innocent merriment", but it undoubtedly produced some good results.

Great Britain v Spain. North-South game. Dealer North.

North: ♠— ♥J 10 4 ♦10 7 6 5 2 ♣7 6 5 4 2
West: ♠— ♥A K 6 3 ♦A Q 8 4 ♣A K Q 9 8
East: ♠K 10 9 7 6 4 2 ♥9 7 ♦3 ♣J 10 3
South: ♠A Q J 8 5 3 ♥Q 8 5 2 ♦K J 9 ♣—

The bidding in the Closed room was brief.
N.: Sheenan; E.: Escuda; S.: Rose; W.: Fernandez.

W	N	E	S
—	No	No	1♠
Double	No	No	No

Rose could only make five tricks, 500 to Spain, which appeared to be a poor result for Britain. This was the bidding in the Open Room.

N.: Maso; E.: Hackett; S.: Cabot W.: Collings.

W	N	E	S
—	No	1♣	Double
No(1)	1♦	No(2)	1♠
2♠	No	3♣(3)	No
3♠	No	3NT	No
4♦(4)	No	4♠(5)	Double
6♣	No	No	No

(1) Promises at least four clubs.
(2) Showing the weak type 0-8.
(3) Hackett is like a puppet on a string. If he ignores spades, his "best" suit is clubs.
(4) Asking for diamond control.
(5) Showing second round diamond control.

Despite, or I should say because of, the 5-0 trump break, Hackett had no difficulty in making 12 tricks, scoring two hearts, two diamonds, and eight trump tricks. A trump lead would leave declarer a trick short. "I knew what to lead", lamented Senor Cabot, "Unhappily, I did not have one."

I gather it has been a non-vintage year for *Old Moore's Almanac*. In my current form it may not be too late change my vocation.

*N.B. Competitive bidding is a technical term.

Diary Quiz



A bottle of champagne for Mrs Barbara Peters of Home Farm, La Ramée, St Peter Port, Guernsey for her winning caption to last Saturday's picture competition: "Cor, Gie's a Lift." Unfortunately there is no competition or Diary Quiz today because of our industrial problems earlier in the week.

PAPERBACKS OF THE MONTH

Period piece

Berry and Co; Jonah and Co; Adele and Co; by Dornford Yates (Penguin, all £1.50).

Two of these three paperbacks have across their covers the mystifying rubric "Now an exciting TV series". Though a television addict, I had noticed no such series, so I telephoned Penguin. Apparently there has been a minor boob: the rubric should have read "Soon to be an exciting TV series" and it should have appeared on all three books. Negotiations are still under way for an ITV series. I am sure it will be a successful one.

That does not mean I think these are good books. For it is Hillier's Law that lesser authors are improved by adaptation for television, greater ones diminished. Or, if you prefer it, TV adaptations are successful in inverse ratio to the genius of the original authors. In *The Forsyte Saga*, Galsworthy's prose was no tragic loss. Trollope was tightened up by adaptation. It was a relief to do away with Henry James's circumlocution and parentheses in *Portrait of a Lady*. Penelope Mortimer, reviewing Vera Brittain's war diary, *Chronicle of Youth*, recently, asked: "Might it not have been kinder to leave the public with its impression of Vera Brittain as Cheryl Campbell, glowing with inner warmth, speaking Elaine Morgan's intelligent lines, cunningly directed by Moira Armstrong? . . ."

Jane Austen, with her dialectical immaterialism, could have been a TV scriptwriter, and *Pride and Prejudice* was wonderful in both the BBC adaptations, that with Alan Badel as a D'Arcy canonical as Oliver's Richard III; and that with the divine Elizabeth Garvie as Elizabeth Bennett. All the same, a lot was lost — sudden twists of the tourniquet of irony, narrator's asides impossible to absorb into the dialogue. Dickens is a borderline case: it is good to lose some of the verbiage, but not the great hammerklaviers of description.

Adaptation of these fribbling Dornford Yates works, in which the greatest disaster is a cook giving notice, is unlikely to be "exciting"; but it should get rid of some of the unremitting facetiousness of the story-telling, leaving plots which are sometimes, admittedly, as ingenious as Roald Dahl's.

The only possible excuse for reissuing these books is as period pieces. That they undeniably are, and the television director will have great fun with landaulettes, coupés, cloche hats, and spats. What they are meant to be is side-splittingly funny vignettes of upper-class life; and that, alas, they are not.

Compare with them books of the same generation and genre which do succeed: the Lucia series of E. F. Benson, "precious" certainly, but with a malicious humour which unfailingly poniards its victims. Or P. G. Wodehouse, the Supreme Being, of whom Evelyn Waugh wrote that his "idyllic world can never stale. He will continue to release future generations from captivity that may be more irksome than our own." That is the main difference between Wodehouse's and Yates's: Wodehouse is timeless, Yates is in bondage to the 1920s and 30s, an Art Deco museum piece.

The Penguin blurb describes Yates as a writer of "irresponsible farce". Well, who wants responsible farce? What we do expect is jokes that come off, and unfortunately Yates's idea of a joke is the kind of thing that might just have passed muster at a 1920s City banquet or in a 1930s bread-and-butter letter to a stately home *châtelaine* the kind of humour in which a nasty smell is "an assault on the olfactory nerves". Yates is a bore. And like all bores he laughs at his own jokes — or rather, he causes his characters to giggle, guffaw or wheeze at the jests he puts into their mouths. In *Berry and Co.* alone I totted up two "helpless with laughters", one "weak with laughter", one "never laughed so much in her life", one "gurgling with laughter", two "peals of merriment" seven "shakes with laughter", one "too much for X's gravity", one "only with an effort did Y control her voice", two "shrieks of laughter" one "choking sound", four "long tremulous wails", one "roar", one "laughed uncontrollably", one "long spasm of laughter" one "convulsed with merriment", one "silvery laughter", one "ripple" and one "tempest of Titanic laughter".

Through the family grapevine, I heard that an aunt of mine had been a passionate fan of Dornford Yates in the 1930's, so I rang her up to ask what she saw in him. "Well first, he took one into another world — of big houses, servants, and great cars whose headlights 'cut a swathe through the darkness'. Then his characters all had their own sense of humour which you came to recognize, rather as you get to know the quirks of a particular crossword puzzle setter. Some of the stories were quite exciting — all that charging across Europe in search of stolen jewels. And then, finally, the jokes were family jokes — and we were a big family too, and also had family jokes." She added that she used to await the next Dornford Yates with great impatience — "but I've no idea what I'd think of him today." So if you come of a big family and like crossword puzzles, you may like Dornford Yates. But a special warning if you are Jewish: he is grossly anti-semitic (something he has in common with "Sapper" and Dennis Wheatley): in one story a landowner called Dunkelsbaum is addressed as "Stunkenblotch" and "Splodgenblunk."

Bevis Hillier

Family life

Mother Can You Hear Me? by Margaret Forster (Penguin, £1.75); A Forgotten Season, by Kathleen Conlon (Hamlyn, £1.10; Black Tickets by Jayne Anne Phillips (King Penguin, £2.25)

For many years Margaret Forster has been writing about the arrangements people come to with themselves, the pacts they form with the world around them to make it bearable. Behind these pacts, she has described the terrors, the nagging anxieties of being fat, of growing old, of losing control. There is no subject better suited to raw self exposures than family relationships, and in that sense *Mother can you hear me?* is possibly her best novel. Margaret Forster has a keen ear for the precise flavours of an adolescent daughter's rejection, a dying mother's innuendo and pathos. The question is: can one bear to read it?

Mother can you hear me? takes a brief spell in the life of a sensible, pleasant, guilt-ridden woman in her late thirties. She is a part-time teacher, and her wail "If she were not there, none of them would do anything" is familiar to every working woman. Married young, Angela has a 15-year-old daughter, Sadie, in whom she has invested the entire gamut of her own fears and dreams, and who repays her with callousness and scorn. She also has a sickly mother, in Devon, a perfect mother, whose very lack of articulated demands she finds quite unbearable.

Mother can you hear me? has no plot. It is a painful and brilliantly conveyed series of encounters, dialogue pushed to the extremes of realism. It all rings true, but it is relentless; and that does not make it easy.

Childhood memory, that curiously bright and distorting look that children bring to events and relationships then store away, is a theme as captivating, if softer on the nerves, as that of families. In *A Forgotten Season*, Kathleen Conlon has rendered, with gentle understatement, the voices of three very different children on the edge of adolescence as they witness, and each in their own way misunderstand, an adulterous summer romance. The subterfuges and accomodations of the grown-ups are faithfully observed and reported, mainly by 10-year old Veronica, who watches her mother cry and give up her recently acquired expensive Sugar Plum lipstick, but does not see that it is because her lover has gone.

A Forgotten Season is redolent of period, of a distant summer affair beaches and boarding houses, enclosed by the trickeries of memory. "Years later, the meteorological office would contradict the memory of that summer. Sunshine, average, it said; rainfall, average. She remembered only the early morning mist covering the marshes..." The child's eye is cruel, but in its fashion faithful, and no nuance of adult exchange is lost in this consistently agreeable book.

The stories in *Black Tickets*, a first commercially published collection of short stories by a young American writer, Jayne Anne Phillips, range from the indulgently impressionistic to the hard matter-of-fact, from flight of fantasy and word to scenes caught and held with tight emphasis. If they have a theme, it is that of solitude, missed and lost connexions; if a moral, that the importance of personal strength is paramount.

There is no doubting Jayne Anne Phillip's talent. The writing is assured; the images powerful. But the stories that work for me are those that check the wilder flights, where, to quote her own words "love or less lends a reality to what is imagined."

Caroline Moorehead

Engraving of *Battle of the Sea Gods* (sea nymphs riding pillion) from *Mantegna*, by Ettore Camesasca (Muller, £4.95)

A Blouse for Girlie

Creative Dressing, by Kaori O'Connor (Penguin, £4.95) The 30s Family Knitting Book, edited by Jane Waller (Duckworth, £5.95)

Kaori O'Connor owes me six months of my leisure. It took me four months to knit the jacket on the cover of her book, and another two to darn in the ends. I feel I have climbed the Everest of knitting, and like that particular feat, I may be the only person who thinks it was worth it. In this excellent book, both for dressmaking and knitting (by hand and machine) she turns a fresh look on design, with the help of some well known names.

At the moment there is no fashion, as such, only style, and her suggestions for timeless clothes, classical in the sense that they will always look good in any period will be an inspiration to anyone who dislikes the sight of endless clothes hanging limply in racks in department stores. Beautiful fabrics in simple designs, many taken from the traditional clothes of other cultures, such as the *kimono, poncho, Indian shirt* dress, Tartar coat, may be worn with comfort and pleasure for years. The knitting patterns are a challenge and a delight.

The 30s Family Knitting Book provides garments for all the family, in fifty facsimile patterns from women's magazines. Not only are there some nice things, but the social history revealed is in itself almost as fascinating. I cannot imagine anyone today describing a girl's sweater as "A Blouse for Girlie" (from *Wife and Home*, July 1936). A nostalgic glance is cast in the direction of a fashionable jumper knitted for 4/6d, and the comment "Washed repeatedly yet still gay as ever" has suffered some sea change in the years since 1937. In spite of the lack of central heating, the knitting was finer then, and there is a most useful table on the modern equivalents of the old 2, 3 and 4 plys, with amounts in grams and needles in millimetres. Would that there was a chart of equivalent knitting wools in every pattern book. If I have one criticism it is that the cover is modern, with no real attempt to live up to the wonderfully nostalgic contents.

Philippa Toomey

Mine of diamonds

The Greek Anthology, edited by Peter Jay (Penguin Classics, £2.50)

Dear Muse, to whom are you bringing these varied fruits of song; who was it wove this garland of old poems made new? It was the doing of Peter Jay, the poet. He worked at this for many years, to present it as a memento to the excellent Betty Radice of Penguin Classics.

The Greek Anthology is a mine of jewels choked with slag-heaps. However many times you read it, in Greek or translation, you will always discover some shining new poem. It is the original source of such popular themes in European literature as "Gather ye rosebuds, girls; there's no kissing after death" (22 centuries ago); the dog bit X, the dog it was that died (24 centuries); "lucky cup to touch your lips" (21 centuries); and the boring wetness of teetotallers (19 centuries). Peter Jay has picked the 850 best out of the 3,700 epigrams in the Palatine Anthology (rediscovered in 1606 in the Count Palatine's library at Heidelberg), and the 400 non-Palatine poems in the collection of Maximus Planudes, the bowdlerizing Byzantine monk. The Greeks arranged their garlands of poetry by themes, epitaphs here, a book of heterosexual love poems there. Peter Jay has rearranged his poets chronologically, as far as it is possible to ascertain their dates across this gulf of time, so that we can appreciate each one's idiosyncrasy.

Most of the translations have been specially made for this edition by the brightest and liveliest modern poets since 1970. A few older translations by such as Ezra Pound and Edmund Blunden have been included in this largest selection of Greek epigrams in verse translation ever assembled. The best are untranslatable. Generations of poets and schoolchildren have tried to turn the 11 simple words of Simonides' epitaph on the Spartans at Thermopylai into English, without ever quite catching all the music and shades of meaning: Tell them in Lakedaimon, passer-by, That here obedient to their word we lie. How to render Palladas: Every woman is a pain, but she has two jolly seasons: once in bed, next when dead?

Translation is an act of fiction. The translator puts on the voice of another poet of a different age, using a language that people had not started to speak. The reader has to believe that what he is reading is both an ancient and a modern poem. The magic works surprisingly often in this garland, with flowers picked from the seventh century BC through to the renaissance of Greek culture in Byzantium in the sixth century AD, from Archilochos and Meleager to Paulos, the erotic chief usher at the court of Justinian. Do not ridicule the small. Little poems can charm us all. Eros was not big at all. These old diamonds have been recut and repolished so that they shine again as English verse in their own right.

Philip Howard

Dear pledge of love

Horatia Nelson, by Winifred Gerin (Oxford, £3.95)

Nelson's huge zest for fatherhood, and all that this led to, is Mrs Gerin's theme in this book. She makes it read like a novel, with a hurried, exciting opening, followed then by the long disentangling. It's reminiscent in a way of a certain kind of prewar detective story — does anyone still remember the name of Freeman Wills Crofts? — which started with the dire Happening and then went quietly on with the long, scrupulous pursuit of motive and identity.

Nelson the parson's son, bred to defer unquestioningly to respectability and *les bienseances*, was hooked and landed beyond hope of release by Sir William Hamilton's sluttish Emma. When she conceived a child by him Nelson was as proud of his prospective role of father as Sir William, in his patrician eighteenth-century way, was amused by his immediate role of cuckold. Yet for Nelson illegitimacy meant deserved obloquy which he did his best to gag.

Horatia was born early in 1801, lived to be 80, and died in Pinner. She'd lived there, a rural lady, for 21 years since the death of her husband, Philip Ward, Vicar of Tenterden. For three-quarters of a century after Trafalgar the wrangling over her parentage went on. Right to the end she refused to accept that Emma Hamilton was her mother, but was confident always that her father was the victor of the greatest naval battle in British history. A glance in the mirror on any one of thousands of days would have been enough to confirm her certainty.

Horatia gives the lie to today's psychological dogma which lays it down that an insecure upbringing will mean a blighted personality in adult life. Hurried about by Emma who was often drunk and never many steps ahead of the bailiffs, Horatia nevertheless grew up firm and sound, had a happy, hard-up marriage and a widowhood which Emma would have found boring but which Horatia filled with usefulness and calm sailing.

Emma's character, whorish, unprincipled but capable of warmth and generosity, is vividly done here. "With all her faults — and she had many — she had many fine qualities, which, had she been placed early in better hands, would have made her a very superior woman." That was Horatia's double-edged epitaph for her when Emma died early in 1815. It's a fair summing-up, and reflects too the even-handed constancy of Horatia's nature.

Mrs Gerin's study of Nelson's "dear pledge of love" and of the long lifetime she enjoyed in spite of the recurring mystifications, is beautifully composed and absorbing to read.

David Williams

Architecture/Charles McKean

Liberate the window

An old Glasgow ditty has the following refrain:

Open the windaes, the nicht is awfu dark
And the phantoms are dancing in the West End Park

It was penned in those romantic days when both phantoms and windows were still intellectually acceptable. Soon, of course, as the world became more scientific and utilitarian, the clammy hand of technology tried to relegate both to the cellar. The window became transformed — in the silver prose of the Royal Institute of British Architects' research department — into a *climate modifier* reducing all its great and glorious functions throughout design history to a calculation; phantoms became figments of the imagination. Now, of course, fashion is changing once more. Phantoms are springing at us from all angles — scarcely a book is written these days without the benefit of a ghoul — and windows are making a comeback. I wonder if there is a connexion.

A building's character, its openness, friendliness, aloofness or hostility, is largely created by its windows. The proportions, scale, and detail of windows provide fairly precise indications of the wealth and social status of the inhabitants — as well as of the fuctions inside the building. the main facade of building usually had grander windows than the rear; and the principal floor (*piano nobile*) the grandest windows of all. Some compositions hinged entirely around a central Venetian window, with its central round arch and twin columns.

The social structure of the inhabitants inside can be read from the windows: from the holes in the rusticated basement illuminating the kitchen, to the little square windows under the eaves five floors above where the basement workers slept. In *Portrait of a Lady* Henry James made a specific point that the villainous villa in Italy, at the centre of the tale, had a windowless and blank appearance. Others have noticed how buildings clothed in tinted or dark glass have the same aggressive impact as *mafiosi* wearing dark spectacles.

Windows have always been important in western architecture, and they have developed many shapes and forms: Venetian, French, Tudor, oriels, bays, bows and dormers; and their accoutrements include mullions, tracery, snibs, latches, catches, boxes, shutters, casements, architraves and sills. The case for windows is probably best put by William Morris, in a lecture on arts and crafts in 1889:

"... in these walls you may cut windows wherever you please; and, if you please, may decorate them to show that you are not ashamed of them: your windows, which you must have, become one of the great beauties of your house ..."

A far cry from climate modifiers. Yet the rot set in after World War One. The scale of development increased, as a result of which the classical styles were swollen and distorted. Georgian villa styles were pressed into service for gigantic town halls, schools and hospitals: their windows still retained their classical origins disfigured, as it were, by elephantiasis. The modern architecture that replaced it, therefore, was almost inevitable. The new structures liberated the windows from having to support the load from above: the wall was free from the structure and, to demonstrate Modern Movement windows rejected the vertical proportioned windows in favour of long horizontal ones — often metal — which ran along the side of the building in rows, turned the corner and sped off up the street.

The window still retained its prominence — although stripped of detail, by virtue of the contrast between white rendered walls and the black interior. By postwar, that contrast had gone. So the Festival of Britain tried another trick: it boxed out, with a thin concrete frame, windows and doors. That style was short-lived, since advancing technology made it possible to enclose a building *entirely* by windows. The climate modifier had arrived. Some 15 years later, fashion was swinging again, in favour of more solid walls. Someone was whispering about heat gain and energy costs. But windows remained as dark, unadorned holes punched out of the brickwork.

To get back to the "great beauties of windows" that Morris talked about we have had to wait until recently. Architects have been learning to liberate themselves from the austerities of modern design — As a result, we are now seeing a wild collection of undisciplined window forms and details — with patterned brickwork, hoods, bays, bows and the rest.

We are also seeing a rash of hideous and ill-proportioned, fake Georgian bay windows being inserted in older buildings which have done nothing to deserve the insult.

The problem is that windows are unlikely to get the detailed consideration they deserve until the fashion returns of designing a building façade *as a composition in its own right*, so that the correct proportion, placing and emphasis can be determined. Matters are topsy turvy wherein some schemes gave angular projecting dormer windows (i.e. attic windows and therefore minor ones) as the most prominent in the whole house.

Morris's view was: "Your window, I say is no longer a concession to human weakness ... but a glory of the art of building". It is time more people realised that and designed accordingly.



Photograph by Brian Harris

A roof with a view: the Flemish style windows in Ypres, Belgium

Times Cook/Shona Crawford Poole

High speed loaves

Baking bread at home is a uniquely satisfying occupation. There is the moment when the warm, yeast-scented dough becomes satiny with kneading, the pleasure of seeing it rise as it should, the marvellous baking smell from the oven. And, of course, when the time comes to eat it, there is the peculiar pride that results from making something so basic and so delicious.

With cunning, and forethought, and overnight doughs which can be left to their own devices for hours on end, it is perfectly possible to bake one's own bread regularly while putting in a full working week away from home. But few of us do, perhaps because the process is essentially an unhurried one, to be enjoyed for its own sake, not rushed or slotted into some break-neck timetable of super efficiency.

Quicker by far for those who have to earn a crust, and for everyone who cannot see the point of baking bread when there is a decent baker round the corner, are the yeastless breads that can be mixed and thrown into the oven on the spur of the moment. Some of the most successful of these quick, baking powder-raised breads are fortified with protein and ideal for packed and picnic lunches. Because the fillings, ham, cheese, nuts or fruit, are baked in, there is nothing to go soggy between home and the races, school, the office or wherever.

The texture of these baking powder breads is light and moist, more cake-like than traditional yeast-raised mixtures. They may, of course, be made with wholemeal flour, but the loaves will rise less and the texture will be more dense.

The 900 ml (1½ pint) loaf tin specified in the following recipes is the standard small loaf tin with sides that slope outwards a little from the base. It measures about 15 cm (6 in) by 10 cm (4 in) by 7 cm (3 in) deep.

Ham and cheese loaf

Makes one loaf

170 g (6 oz) plain flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
A pinch of freshly grated nutmeg
85 g (3 oz) chilled butter
110 g (4 oz) cooked ham, finely chopped
55 g (2 oz) gruyere cheese, grated
1 large egg
4 tablespoons milk

Sift the flour, baking powder, pepper and nutmeg into a bowl and add the chilled butter cut in dice. Using your finger tips or a pastry blender, rub in the fat until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the chopped ham and grated cheese and mix lightly with a fork. Mix the egg with the milk, add the liquid to the flour mixture, and blend to a soft dough.

Turn the dough into a well-buttered 900 ml (1½ pint) loaf tin and level the top. Bake the loaf in the centre of a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for about 1 hour 10 minutes, or until a skewer plunged into the centre of the loaf comes out clean. Rest the newly-baked loaf in its tin for about five minutes before turning it on to a cooling rack. Serve ham and cheese loaf warm or cold with unsalted butter.

Date and walnut loaf

Makes one loaf

170 g (6 oz) plain flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
85 g (3 oz) chilled butter
55 g (2 oz) chopped dates
55 g (2 oz) chopped walnuts
55 g (2 oz) dark brown sugar
1 tablespoon finely grated orange rind
1 large egg
4 tablespoons milk

Sift the flour, baking powder and salt into a bowl and add the chilled butter cut in dice. Using your finger tips or a pastry blender, rub in the fat until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the chopped dates, walnuts, brown sugar and grated orange rind and mix thoroughly together. Mix the egg with the milk, add the liquid to the flour mixture, and blend to a soft dough.

Turn the dough into a well-buttered 900 ml (1½ pint) loaf tin and level the top. Bake the loaf in the centre of a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for about 1 hour 10 minutes, or until a skewer plunged into the centre of the loaf comes out clean. Rest the newly-baked loaf in its tin for about five minutes before turning it on to a cooling rack. This loaf tastes even better the day after it is made.

Pumpkin tea bread

Makes one loaf

200g (7oz) pumpkin
2 large eggs
6 tablespoons peanut oil
170g (7oz) plain flour
110g (4oz) light brown sugar
1½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
85g (3oz) finely chopped hazelnuts or walnuts
1 tablespoon finely grated orange rind

Cook the peeled and seeded pumpkin in boiling water (as potatoes) until tender. Drain it well then puree it by pressing it through a sieve of *mouli legumes*, or processing it briefly. Add the eggs and oil and whisk together until well blended.

Sift the flour, sugar, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and cinnamon into a bowl and stir in the chopped nuts and grated orange rind. Add the pumpkin mixture and stir to form a soft dough.

Pour the mixture into a 900ml (1½ pint) non-stick loaf tin, or a standard tin lined with buttered greaseproof paper, and level the top. Bake the loaf in the centre of a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for about 1½ hours, or until a skewer plunged into the centre of the loaf comes out clean. Rest the newly-baked loaf in its tin for about five minutes before turning it on to a cooling rack. Serve pumpkin tea bread sliced and lightly buttered.

Television/Michael Church

Fanzine rules OK

It is always pleasant, in these days of galloping philistinism, to find traces of erudition in the young. Christopher Hill, Juvenal, Orwell, Einstein, Shelley, Santayana and Sillitoe all made brief but telling appearances in last night's edition of *Something Else* (BBC), which was dedicated to proving that inequality rules OK.

The four stalwarts thus effortlessly displaying their learning (sample: "Don't let the bastards grind you down.- Sillitoe") were what radical teachers and BBC producers in denim rompers call "kids", or what programme controllers and benevolent foundations term "young people", and it is one of the accepted perks of being an officially designated kid/young person that he/she should be allowed to jump up and down until the weary adult world gives them what they want.

It was thus no surprise to see the sensitive and youthful editorial director of Faber beat his breast and promise to publish an anthology of the fanzine writing brandished by his adolescent interrogator. It was not even much of a surprise to see the teenagers' cameras accusingly rake the shelves of Penguin classics (in which they had presumably encountered Santayana et al) with the withering observation that they contained nothing "relevant to us". No: officially designated "kids" are *ipso facto* beyond criticism.

They are also, I suspect, something of an irritation to those among their peers who have to get through adolescence without the seal of indulgent approval.

Filmed interviews with stereotyped representatives of the upper middle and working classes led to the unstaggering conclusion that their worlds remained divided. A social worker complained about the cuts. A fashionably alienated kid wandered past derelict factories intoning a Pattenesque pome. The fact that it also contained a modicum of serious and sensible observation did little to dispel the feeling that this programme, like other excercises of its kind, was flying false colours. "By and for young people"? Gertcha.

"*I Thought I Was Taller*": *A Short History of Mel Brooks* (BBC 2) had its own inbuilt irritation in the form of a director-interviewer whose presence was both limp and curiously intrusive, but it was in the main sheer delight. Brooks is a life-force, a scourge of the phoney, a comedian to the fingertips, and from this whimsical potted biog he emerged supreme.

Michael Church

Radio/David Wade

Opening the woodshed door

The essence of the story is often that it makes its own point without any need to put it in a setting intended to widen its significance. William Trevor's *The Blue Dress* (Sept 27, director John Tydeman) was just such a story: Terris, a journalist, meets and falls in love with Dorothea — blonde, beautiful and much younger than himself. From the start there is something faintly disquieting about her and this is underlined when Terris sees her in the context of her family. Together and individually they suggest that some kind of charade is in progress.

Terris soon finds out what it is, since Dorothea tells him: as a child, with the cool malevolence born of hatred, she had tipped another rather aggravating small girl out of the top of a beech tree to her death. The charade is explained: the family are engaged in the pretence — without quite seeing it as such — that people don't do such things.

Almost all of this was beautifully done with a marvellous performance by Elizabeth Proud as Dorothea. With Trevor's finely understated dialogue to help her, she conveyed by tone and timing the most unpleasant sense of a profound hypocrisy. The listener could extend the play's metaphor if he wished. Unfortunately Trevor extended it for him: Terris, as his name perhaps implied, was possessed of a terrier like determination always to find the woodshed, open the door and reveal whatever nasty thing might be inside — he had been at it all his life.

One of the interesting things about Paddy Scannell's *They Did It First* was that it too drew attention to an example of public hypocrisy. Who needs reminding that in the BBC we have a free and independent broadcasting system of which we can be proud? Proud, that is, until it pushes at a woodshed door. In his examination of the origins of the radio documentary Scannell pointed to some of its first productions when, in the early 1930s, it began to look at the plight of the unemployed and the living conditions of some of the working class.

Immediately there were cries of outrage, accusations from the authorities of bias, exaggeration and leftist sympathies. According to Scannell, the Government leant on the BBC, then under Reith, which bowed so far that not only was the offending Talks Department dispersed, but discussion of most serious public issues fell heavily into abeyance. This, until it could no longer be ignored, included the rise of fascism.

One effect of Scannell's programme — apart from pointing to the extraordinary achievements of producers working with the most primitive equipment — was to provoke a sharp look at the BBC as it is today. Given the sheer quantity of radio now, it is an unwise critic who will assert that this or that subject has not been touched, but I do not detect any very great enthusiasm 50 years on to look at our present social ills from the point of view of those who suffer them.

It is perhaps indicative of this that it has fallen to London Broadcasting, with John Thompson's recently concluded 4-part series, *Race*, to take that one by the horns. This was from many points of view an admirable enterprise which did its best to get to the roots of it subject by tracing discrimination as far back as it is recorded and then working forward through the shameful history of black/white relations. There is enough guilt and misery there to account for a lot. But I could not help feeling, as the last programme drew to a close, that in its determination to show that genetics is a relatively minor factor, the series not only underplayed the role of culture and its conditioning, but committed the odd folly in the process. Am I really to believe that the *only* way my genes differ from those of, let's say, a member of the Masai is in pigmentation?

Teleview/Elkan Allan

Brideshead v The Borgias



Jeremy Irons and John Gielgud in Brideshead Revisited

The world of television and its viewers await with impatience the start of the great autumn battle between *The Borgias* and *Brideshead Revisited*. In a piquant and intriguing juxtaposition, they face each other across the same period, between now and Christmas, with Granada's 11-part adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's novel beginning on Monday, October 12, and the BBC's 10-part chronicle of the infamous family being launched two days later, on Wednesday, October 14, with a repeat on Sundays.

Despite protestations of depleted resources, both sides have lavished vast sums on their favoured children. While exact figures are matters of speculation, Granada admits to "four to five million pounds" (some watchers of their ever-extending shooting schedule guessed as high as £11m), and the BBC to £2.3m. Adjusted to the lengths of the episodes and divided by their number, this works out as something like £4,800 a minute of *Brideshead* and £4,500 a minute of *The Borgias*.

Nearly all the money for *Brideshead* came from Granada's coffers but Exxon got a bargain when they contributed £150,000 four years ago, the estimated budget then much smaller and the film projected as only a modest, five-part epic. As it grew, delayed by the ITV strike, forced to change directors and wait for its star, Jeremy Irons, to go and film *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, the cost spiralled, but Exxon's relatively tiny contribution still secured the American rights.

The BBC's equal partners in *The Borgias* are Time-Life, Australia's Channel 7 and Italy's RAI II. They get a choice of versions for their money, some more discreet than others. Nudity, a staple of British television diet, at least when justified by supposedly serious drama, is unacceptable to some of the more puritan American stations, although in Australia the barer the bottoms the better.

There are some odd parallels between the two contenders. They are both about a family whose lapses from conventional Catholicism provide much of the impulse for the plots. Both made splendid use of Italian locations. With *Brideshead* we travel to Venice for a sightseeing tour in episode 2, and the Palazzo Barbaro stands in for Lord Marchmain's Palazzo. The 40 Tuscan locations in The Borgias include Spoleto, Urbino and Viterbo; castles at Ostia and Bracciano and the countryside near Siena and Rome.

On star rating, *Brideshead* is miles out in front with Olivier Gielgud, Claire Bloom, Jane Asher, Stephane Audran and Mona Washbourne backing up Jeremy Irons as the Waugh surrogate (while the novel is not strictly autobiographical, he did have a relationsip with the Beauchamp family that recalls Ryder's with the Marchmains, at least superficially) and Anthoy Andrews and Diana Quick as the Flytes. John Mortimer did the adaptation.

The only name of any fame in the Borgia line-up is Alfred Burke as the Pope's opponent within the College of Cardinals. Anne Louise Lambert, who plays Lucrezia Borgia, was a schoolgirl in the Australian *Picnic at Hanging Rock*. Cesare is Oliver Cotton, one of the lesser lights of the National. The central role of Rodrigo Borgia, Pope Alexander VI, is taken — most impressively — by Adolfo Celi, best-known internationally for the part of the Mafia millionaire in *Thunderball*. His intrusive Italian accent is excused by the producer, Mark Shivas, on the grounds that Rodrigo came from Sapin and thus would have had a different accent from the rest of the Vatican court.

Watching a compilation of scenes from *The Borgias*, chosen to display its range and approach, I was worried by what appeared to be its attempt to cash in on the success of *I,Claudius*. Once more the titillation of orgies and incest are emphasized as concominants to a power struggle at court; but while the Caesars were significant historical figures, the borgias' importance seems comparatively trivial, limited to providing the first family of the Mafia. Their history is hardly considered worth teaching even in Italian schools.

Casting round for an heroic figure to contrast with the double-dyed villainy of everyone else, the scriptwriters John Prebble and Ken Taylor have lighted upon the surprising choice of Lucrezia, who is depicted as a mere instrument in the power game, being married off three times to cement temporary alliances and being seduced (on camera) more or less against her will by her father, the Pope. No poisoning by her in this version.

Such a lurid retelling of the myths (the facts about the Borgias that are known are capable of various interpretations) might have been expected to figure on ITV instead of BBC2, and such a respectful and serious an adaptation of a modern classic as *Brideshead Revisited* might have been thought more likely for BBC2 than ITV. That they are the other way round says a great deal about the BBC's desperation for ratings and ITV's for respectability.

Everything I have seen of the Granada blockbuster suggests that it will be ravishing to look at, a pleasure to watch, and, in its consideration of Catholicism, food for the mind.

Some unkind souls are suggesting that it will turn out to be the television equivalent of Michael Cimino's *Heaven's Gate*, the costliest white elephant in the history of the cinema. I rather hope it does, as I consider *Heaven's Gate* to be one of the few near-masterpieces of the commercial cinema.

Whichever does turn out to pull more viewers, win more critical praise and awards, and better satisfy the needs of the audience, the mighty battle between the two serials can only be of benefit to the viewer. For far too long there has been nothing on worth making a weekly date in one's diary with: to have two potential involvements starting in the same week is wonderful.

Drink/Pamela Vandyke Price

A taste of money

Many cheap wines can be improved almost out of recognition by considerate handling. Indeed, whereas a great wine usually shows something of its quality however maladroitly presented, it will surprise many to hear the results of experiments with two widely known 'everyday' bottles: Yugoslav Lutomer Laski Riesling, costing about £1.95, and Hungarian Bull's Blood, costing about £2.40.

The Laski Riesling, the same grape as the Italico Riesling and Walsch Riesling, makes fruity, somewhat foursquare white wines. Bull's Blood, which is made mainly from the kadarka grape, although it contains a little Pinot Noir and Merlot, has a gentle fragrance with mouth-filling style, plus a touch of mineral dryness from the soft volcanic soil of the Eger vineyards. Just as it is invidious to expect the subtlety and delicacy of the Rhine-riesling grape from the Yugoslav wine, so it is equally silly to criticise the Hugarian red for being neither a claret nor red Burgundy. If that is the style you want, be prepared to pay more for it. Taste with an open mind.

White wines with a light, flowery bouquet are often served far too cold. Over-chilling is the unscrupulous caterer's way of concealing a wine's defects because, if you can't smell it, the faults are seldom obvious. This is why, in most tasting rooms, white wines are not chilled at all. On a really stuffy day, out of doors or in the atmosphere of a centrally-heated party, put the wine in ice and water (not ice alone) for 12 minutes, or the least cold part of a domestic refrigerator for an hour. Actually, during the recent warm weather, the Yugoslav white was perfectly enjoyable in all its aspects without extra chilling, although it had not even been kept in a cellar, merely a cool place.

Any white wine should have its cork drawn at least 15 minutes ahead of drinking, to get rid of the "bottle stink" of stale air. If you don't drink more than half the bottle, recork and enjoy the next day; if you have consumed more, decant into a half bottle. It's the dregs of bottles opened days ago and left for "open wines" in careless wine bars and pubs that has given this pleasant wine undeserved associations with flabbiness and flatness. Aeration by means of decanting a white wine need do no harm: the great John Brown of Milawa in Australia had his white as well as his red wines decanted when I dined at his house. They stood on the sideboard on a very hot night at vintage time without, even to critical palates, suffering any deterioration. Just as over-chilling or keeping a white wine in a refrigerator gives the bottle a shock from which it never really recovers, so hastily warmed red wines — scorched in front of a fire, placed over a stove or baked under the lights of many restaurants who should know better than to put their wine racks in the bar — cannot give of its best; red wine that enters the mouth at blood heat cannot be more than a warm drink. Bull's Blood benefits greatly if the cork is drawn an hour or more before drinking and, in a comparison between a freshly opened bottle and one that had been opened and lightly restoppered 15 hours before, a range of drinkers all opted for the aired wine. The bouquet and fruit of the taste emerge more definitely, and the wine gains in balance and interest.

Remember, there are still colleges where the dinner wines are prepared at luncheon or even breakfast, and the luncheon wines the previous evening! Of course, some wines are "handkerchief wines," which whisk smell and taste at the drinker and then fade quickly, so it is worth experimenting a little before you get ready for a party. In this column, however, indication as to whether a wine will not stand up to being open some hours is usually given after several tastings, some even over a period of two or three days as this is what the ordinary drinker may do (and as it is what the wine trade does with plenty of wines it is studying).

Preference for wines that have been able to stretch themselves a little in advance of drinking may be a national one: certainly many French writers on wine, including two from the claret country, either condemn early opening or actually say it makes no difference. So it is wise to do some testing and make up one's mind according to personal preference.

If the previous suggestions are followed for the two wines, then, with the Yugoslav, a tasting report would register a fullish, direct aroma, leading to a moderately dry taste with a neat finish. For the Hungarian, the bouquet is faintly spicey ("cloves and vanilla" is often the tag), the flavour fruity, firm, lingering a little on the palate, with a hint of crispness in the after-taste. Similarly unsuspected details may be revealed by thoughtful treatment of other inexpensive wines.

Travel/edited by Shona Crawford Poole

New Zealand/Peter Johnson

Sights, sounds and mighty spirits

New Zealand will welcome the Queen later this month. Her visit will, of course, be an official one, but what does the country offer the holidaymaker?

Auckland was in celebratory mood when Air New Zealand's first Boeing 747 touched down after its trans-Pacific delivery flight from the makers in Seattle, the first of a £150m fleet of five. Its coming was regarded as a symbol of hope, a way out of the financial ills that have beset the state company, now phasing out its DC10s. In a nation of three millions, which, because of its smallness, remoteness and dependence on flight, identifies with its national airline like no other people, the event received saturation coverage in the media.

An enthusiastic New Zealand journalist who had flown in the Jumbo from Seattle wrote in the *Herald*, the leading newspaper: "Air New Zealand now has a plane capable, when crew and cabin staff are included, of carrying almost 450 souls — more than the entire population of, say, Ohaupo."

I never did find out where Ohaupo is, but I am sure the writer could have named many places in the country whose populations would fit into a Jumbo. There is in New Zealand an intimacy, a personal quality about relationships, a feeling that everybody knows everybody else, which creates the strongest sense of involvement for a first-time holidaymaker there. In a two-week tour of almost the whole length of North and South Islands I frequently came across New Zealanders I had met earlier on the trip.

Comparisons are inevitable, but to categorize New Zealand as little Britain at the bottom of the earth is patronizing and is simplistic. Similarities are there, of course: driving on the left, the names over the shops, ducks on the willow-fringed Avon at Christchurch, minor league English cricket scores on the radio, *Coronation Street* (five years old), curling cheese sandwiches in cafes.

Even the hospital-green interior of the bus station cafeteria at Hamilton, with its wedges of pink coconut cake and orange Swiss rolls, had a comfortingly hideous familiarity.

But New Zealand does offer things whose passing this Englishman mourns in his own country: unfailingly cheerful response and quick action when a hotel guest rings for room service, boys selling evening papers in the pubs, cigarettes at 40p, a plethora of immaculately cared-for old bangers on the roads — not just museum pieces rolled out for rallies but honest working vehicles treasured because new cars have a long way to come and cost proportionately.

It is just when the visitor is beginning to feel he is at home in a familiar or nostalgic environment (even the New Zealander's use of the appellation "Pom" seems to lack the abrasive overtones of the Australian's) that New Zealand turns startlingly different.

In a winding lane that could be in the Cotswolds, but is 40 miles from Auckland, a group of Maori boys, riding bareback, appears; they are cheerfully galloping their ponies to a Sunday afternoon *hangi*, a Maori feast, and there below in the valley is their destination, an A-frame meeting house, carved and brilliantly painted with ancient Polynesian symbols, a huge column of steam rising from a pit of hot stones where wild pork and pumpkin is cooking.

Geyserland in North Island's central volcanic plateau is an illogical world of strange sights, sounds and smells where nature allows tourism to flourish on sufferance. Here stout Maoris used to carry the occasional tourists on their backs, over the hot pumice of the Whakarewarewa thermal reserve at Rotorua, to marvel at the eruptions. The tourists still marvel, but now they come by the plane and coach load, a quarter of a million or more a year, and bridges and concrete paths make the going easier.

The fires of the earth embody the spirits of Maori leaders, they say hereabouts. Mountains are alive; Tongariro, Putauaki, Pihanga, Ruapehu, Taranaki . . . they have all loved, played and fought. Did not Taranaki, ousted by the mighty Tongariro, over their rivalry for the gentle Pehanga, trail sorrowfully across the island, creating the Wanganuo River, until he reached exile by the sea? There, as Mount Egmont, he now broods, a white mist of tears veiling his features. If you cannot believe that, then you have no place in this magical high country.

For the hunting and fishing enthusiast the game is almost too easy. Off the north-east coasts striped, black and blue marlin, tuna and tiger, mako, hammerhead and thresher shark that hooked the interest of Zane Grey now attract package trippers from California, Australia, Japan and West Germany.

In Wellington, in the ugly turbine-shaped building that houses the government offices and which people have dubbed The Beehive, the Minister of Tourism, Mr Derek Quigley, told me: "My target is a million visitors a year by the end of the decade." At the moment the figure is less than half that.

The Tourist Department is determined to populate the country's empty beaches, skifields and mountains. As an official promotional agency, the department has a unique role which allows it to make reservations inside New Zealand for visitors and act as an operator through its own Tiki Tours.

It has much to sell. In the 1,000 miles from North Cape to southernmost Stewart Island climatic zones range from sub-tropical to alpine. Few holiday countries can boast a range of terrain that embraces palm-shaded beaches, dramatic volcanic areas, wide plains, lush rain forests, glaciers and fjords. Developments are under way to exploit the most beautiful and accessible ski areas in the southern hemisphere, notably at Mount Cook and Coronet Peak in South Island. Pioneering by aviators "in tiny Cessna ski-planes has opened up to the less energetic traveller glaciers like the mighty Tasman and Franz Josef, once the sole domain of alpinists and training grounds of Sir Edmund Hillary of Everest.



Maori: stout friend of the tourist

While air fares remain high (£616 off-season Apex, the cheapest scheduled return from Britain), Mr Quigley is looking for steps along the way to his goal of a million visitors. Over half the annual contingent from Britain of 35,000 is made up of people visiting relatives and friends.

"We want to persuade them to see New Zealand while they are in the country", he says.

For further details, the NZ Government Tourist Office is at New Zealand House, Haymarket, London SW1 (telephone 01-930 8422) and Air New Zealand at 15 Charles II Street, SW1 (telephone 01-930 1088).

Where to stay

New Zealand offers plentiful and varied accommodation.

■ For the young and budget-conscious there are youth hostels at about £1.50 a night. Most townships have a camping ground with cabins (for which you will need a sleeping bag) and pitches for tents at £3-£4 a night. Judy Lamb, a 24-year-old social worker from Islington, north London, encountered on the road from Auckland to Rotorua, was youth hostelling and travelling on a 14-day bus and train pass that had cost her £54. It was for her "the only way of seeing New Zealand" after spending £683 on a monthly-return air ticket and staying with friends in Auckland for two weeks. She had budgeted for about £300 pocket money.

■ People with little money who are staying with relatives and friends can "do" the country on an excellent network of bus services; an all-day, one-way excursion from Auckland to Rotorua cost me less than £10 and included a visit to the limestone caves of Waitomo, with their glow-worm grotto. There are plenty of comfortable motels, some with do-it-yourself cooking facilities, ranging from £10 to £14 a night for two.

■ The great outdoors is eminently accessible: mountain huts in Mount Cook National Park cost about £1.50 a night; "homestead hosting" offers holidays on sheep farms from £12-£16 a day per person, full board; big game fishing charter boats cost about £115-£150 a day; four people can have a day's fly fishing with guide and vehicle for about £80.

■ In the upper bracket, hotels seldom exceed £40 for double room and bath, and prices are usually around £30. In high season (UK winter, NZ summer) it is advisable to book.

Skiing/Robin Neillands

How to mix business with pleasure

This happened in Mexico, a long time ago. . . . There we were, sweltering nicely in the port of Vera Cruz, which may be charitably described as a very nice place to be from, when a fellow sufferer mentioned that if we took a train, then a bus, then a taxi, walked up a mountain, and had a little luck, we might find a place to go skiing.

This we did; and if it was not exactly Val d'Isere, after Vera Cruz no-one complained.

The wandering exporter or itinerant businessman, if he plans those winter trips right, can pack in quite a lot of weekend skiing in and around the business centres of the world. Outside South Africa and the tropic zones, the opportunities are legion, for many commercial centres are within easy distance of some snow-clad peak, where a mountain inn is just the place to lay aside the briefcase and pass a relaxing weekend.

To give a few examples, the runs of Flaine, in the French Alps, are just an hour from down-town Geneva, and in Spain the Sierra de Guadarrama mountains just outside Madrid offer excellent downhill and cross-country skiing.

Across the Atlantic the choices multiply. In Vancouver, the start of the local lift is right across the bay, while the fast Amtrack trains from Grand Central Station can whisk you from New York City to the Olympic runs of Lake Placid before Friday evening is really into its stride. If you like cross-country skiing then you need look no farther than the Catskills, or the deep woods around Princeton, in New Jersey.

These are the obvious centres, and skiing is the beneficial by-product of any city blessed with nearby mountains or cursed by very hard winters. Businessmen who like a little skiing on the side, will have no trouble fitting it in on a trip to most of the European countries, the USA, Canada, Russia, or any points east. These are all good skiing countries, but when the ski-loving businessman or woman really gets into his or her stride, the possibilities multiply.

Over the years I have managed to nip out of Santiago de Chile for several sessions at the resort of Portillo, high in the Andes, and spent one enjoyable, if painful, weekend skiing in the very high Japanese Alps wearing very small Japanese boots. Colleagues of similar bent have spoken highly of Kashmir and the more ayahtolla-free parts of Iran. New Zealand and the Snowy Mountains of Australia can provide skiing for winter visitors, while the Northern hemisphere is suffering from summer.

After a while, the keen skier, if ordered abroad on business at a time when all decent folk are off skiing, slips a few essential items into the suitcase and sets out prepared for some skiing on the sly.

Since boots and skis can add to the overweight, and will tend to give overseas customers an even lower opinion of the seriousness of British businessmen than they may have already, the skiing impedimenta must be cut to the minimum and carefully concealed. Personally, I take a feather-filled duvet jacket, which packs up very small, gloves, a hat, and a lightweight set of thermal underwear which, when worn under jeans, gives adequate protection on the slopes without giving the game away during the working week. Good thick socks are also useful.

Unless you wish to spend the weekend discussing cash flow or rejecting pleas for extra discount, it is as well not to go skiing with the customers, and wise skiing businessmen learn to be very vague about their weekend arrangements unless, of course, the customers are skiers themselves.

Finding out where to go skiing locally, and the best means of getting there, are problems most easily solved by visiting the local ski-shop and seeking out the assistant with the suntan and the restless expression.

A few words with him or her will provide a wealth of data on local transport, where to go and how to get there, places to stay, what to hire, frequently coupled with an invitation to turn up on Friday evening and join the gang's mini-bus for a weekend trip to the slopes. City ski-clubs will always welcome visiting skiers and be happy to take them on weekends trips.

If these ploys fail, or you are so closely guarded by the clients that such informative diversions are impossible, a phone call to the local library, tourist office, bus or train station will usually do the trick, and have you off in the Friday night commuter rush to the snowfield of your choice. Weekend ski-packages are offered from most city centres to the snowfields near by, and, after depositing your heavy suitcase in the nearest left-luggage locker, the skier is free to roam.

Accommodation in the ski resort can usually be reserved in advance from the city, and over the years the only real problems I have encountered have been with the skier's persistent enemy, the boots. The Japanese, as we have noted, have very small feet, and even my dainty European size eight-and-a-half put me in the Gulliver class out there. Skiing with the toes curled up is a whole new sensation.

Being suddenly whisked up 12,000 feet from sea-level Santiago to the mountain resort of Portillo gave me altitude sickness, so if you have only a little time to spend on the slopes try to choose a resort at about the same altitude, and, since time is always tight, one that can be reached in the course of an evening, however you choose to travel.

It is also worth sticking to runs well within your ability, and having adequate insurance. A broken leg could be embarrassing as well as painful.

That apart, given a little snow and a certain amount of ingenuity, skiing on the sly is possible on any business trip. Study that map again this winter, and don't forget your socks!

Resort	Nights	Company	Price	Save	Conditions
Yugoslavia	14 h/b	Portland*	£159	£45	October 10 G
Syros	14 b/b	Ventura*	£139	£67	October 10 L G M
Corfu	7 s/c	Ventura	£129	£48	October 7 M
Corfu	7 b/b	Ventura	£119	£52	October 9 L
Neapolitan Riviera	14 h/b	Portland	£159	£40	October 6 G
Rome	7 b/b	Thomas Cook	£98	£15	October 9, 16, 23. and 30 G
Malta	7 b/b	Thomas Cook	£158	£20	November 6 G
Malta	14 h/b	Portland	£189	£42	October 9 G
Minorca	7/14 f/b	Thomas Cook	£122/£150	£15	November 8 G
Majorca	7/14 h/b	Global	£132/£185	£39/£69	October 31 G
Majorca	14 f/b	Portland	£159	£30	October 6 G
Majorca	7/14 h/b	Thomas Cook	£141/£179	£15	October 28 G
Tenerife	7 h/b	Global	£179	£20	October 27 G
Algarve	14 b/b	Ventura	149	£65	October 9 L G
Kefelonia, Greece	14 h/b	Thomson	£201	£30	October 10 & 17 G
Cesme, Turkey	14 h/b	Thomson	£183	£75	October 9 L
Djerba, Tunisia	14 h/b	Thomson	£208	£30	October 12 L M

*Airport key: G — Gatwick; L — Luton; M — Manchester; *May only be booked directly: Telephone Portland 01-388 5111, Ventura 01-250 1355 or 0742-342391/333392.*

Summer holiday discount news

Package holiday bookings seem to have entered the doldrums, which explains some of the large discounts being offered during the next few weeks.

Last-minute reductions can now be safely expected throughout the winter to European resorts. Most Greek destinations will start to close at the end of October, though Rhodes and Crete will remain open.

Spanish resorts are likely to prove the most popular after a few thin winters. The Balearics and the Canaries are reporting good business, though not so much that it is affecting the number of last-minute discounts available.

Two new schemes have been introduced which may appeal to anyone looking for a brief holiday in London. Crest Hotels have come up with what they call a Supersaver package. Second-class rail travel and a night in the Bloomsbury Centre Hotel will cost a visitor from Merseyside £44 instead of the usual £51.70, and there are similar reductions for anyone travelling from most parts of the north and the West Midlands, Devon and Cornwall. The average reduction is 15 per cent. The London Tara Hotel is offering 50 rooms at half-price each weekend to people using British Rail's half-price ticket scheme.

Chess/Harry Golombek

Mornings with the masters

Manchester is not only noted for anticipating what is done in London by one day but is also celebrated as one of the oldest and most important centres of chess activities in the United Kingdom.

In my encyclopedia I have pointed out that the Manchester Chess Club was founded two years after the Battle of Waterloo and therefore has claims to be the oldest chess club in the country.

Under its impetus a number of important international tournaments were held in Manchester during the nineteenth century and the result was that Lancashire became one of the strongest chess-playing counties in the English Counties Union.

By birth a Surrey man, and therefore much attached to the Southern Counties Union, I remember how we regarded a visit to Manchester or the Lancastrian team's descent on London as, next to Middlesex, the most sternly contested struggle of the year.

The Manchester Chess Club carried on through two world wars and, despite heavy bombardment from the enemy during the Second World War, doubled its membership during those years.

It so happened that during the early part of the Second World War I was stationed with an artillery unit at Hale, near Altrincham in Cheshire. We were about 12 miles away from Manchester and it used to be a delight for me, after having obtained a Saturday pass, to visit the city and combine the pleasures of the Halle orchestra concerts with a morning at the Manchester Chess Club.

That was some 40 years ago, but recently these memories were revived for me by a visit to Allen Hall, in Wilmslow Road, an immensely long road that seems to traverse the greater part of the city. It was there that from September 4-12 the fourth Benedictine International Chess Tournament was held.

I have just received a tournament bulletin, containing 110 games from that contest, from the bulletin editor, Trevor Moth, who is to be congratulated on editing one of the most beautifully produced tournament bulletins I have seen.

This tournament was a Swiss system event with 72 competitors, including five grandmasters, Miles and Keen (England), Ciric (Yugoslavia), Kraidman (Israel) and Kuligowski (Poland), 19 international masters and a number of FIDE masters.

Though not quite so strong as originally planned (it was without the 1980 winner, grandmaster John Nunn, who fell ill with influenza, and also without ex-world champion Vassily Smyslov, who was tired after his participation in the Lloyds Bank event in London), it was still the strongest of all the four Benedictine events.

Much interesting chess was played and in the end the strongest player duly came first, Tony Miles coming clear with 7½ points out of 9, not losing a game and ending a full point ahead of the field. Equal second were two United States masters, Gurevich and Kudrin, and the English grandmaster, Raymond Keene, with 6½ points each. Seven players tied for the next place with 6 points, Kuligowski (Poland), Fedorowicz, Strauss and Tisdall (USA), Murey (Israel), Van der Sterren (Netherlands) and Julian Hodgson (England).

The English player, Davies, attained the final master norm making him an international master, as also did David Strauss. Two young English players, Julian Hodgson and Daniel King achieved an international master norm.

A number of devoted helpers, Arbiters David Welch and Clifford Hilton, bulletin editor Trevor Moth, and typist Gaynor Travis, made the event run smoothly, but the chief organiser and a man without whose energy and skill in organisation the tournament could not have possibly taken place was the tournament director, Richard A. Furness. The renaissance of tournament chess in Manchester is due to him and his continuous and resourceful work.

Of all the fine games played in the Benedictine tournament much the most brilliant was the last-round game won by the Israeli master, Murey, against the Dutch master, Gert Ligterink. Gert will forgive me for publishing a second loss by him in the last few weeks, but he himself had the chivalry to praise his opponent's brilliant Queen-sacrifice. It takes a good master to lose games like the two I have published.

White J. Murey, Black G. Ligterink, Sicilian Defence.

1 P-K4 P-QB4 5 N-QB3 N-QB3
2 N-KB3 P-Q3 6 B-KN5 P-K3
3 P-Q4 PxP 7 Q-Q2 P-QR3
4 NxP N-KB3

Preferable was 7 . . ,B-K2, preparing to Castle the King into safety as soon as possible.

8 0-0-0 P-R3 9 B-K3 NxN

B-K2 still looks best here, as it also does on the following move.

10 BxN P-QN4 11 Q-K3 P-K4

If instead B-N2 or B-K2, P-K5 is very strong.

12 B-N6

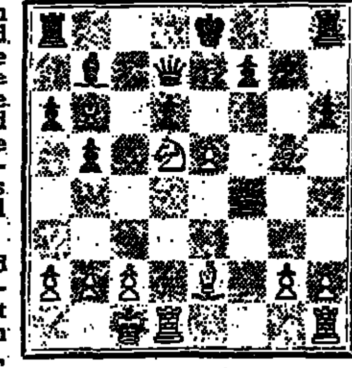
And not 12.BxKP, on account of 12 . . ,N-N5.

12 . . . . Q-Q2 14 P-B4 PxP
13 B-K2 B-N2 15 QxP B-K2

Allowing White to break open the position in the centre: better was 15 . . ,Q-B3.

16 P-K5 N-Q4
17 NxN B-N4

Winning the Queen; but as White brilliantly demonstrates, losing the game.



(Position after 17 . . ,B-N4).

18 QxB PxQ 21 KR-Q1 R-K1
19 N-B7 ch K-K2 22 B-B5 resigns
20 RxP Q-B1

There is nothing to be done against the discovered check; if 22 . . ,P-B3; 23.RxBP mate, or if 22 . . ,K-B1; 23.R-Q8 ch,K-N1; 24.RxR ch,QxR; 25.NxQ, with a simple win for White.

Shoparound with Beryl Downing

Indulge yourself in the kitchen without being extravagant

It always seems a wild extravagance to me to spend a lot of money on kitchen equipment or tableware that you are not likely to use much, but the Elizabeth David sale gives you the opportunity to pay less for your self-indulgence.

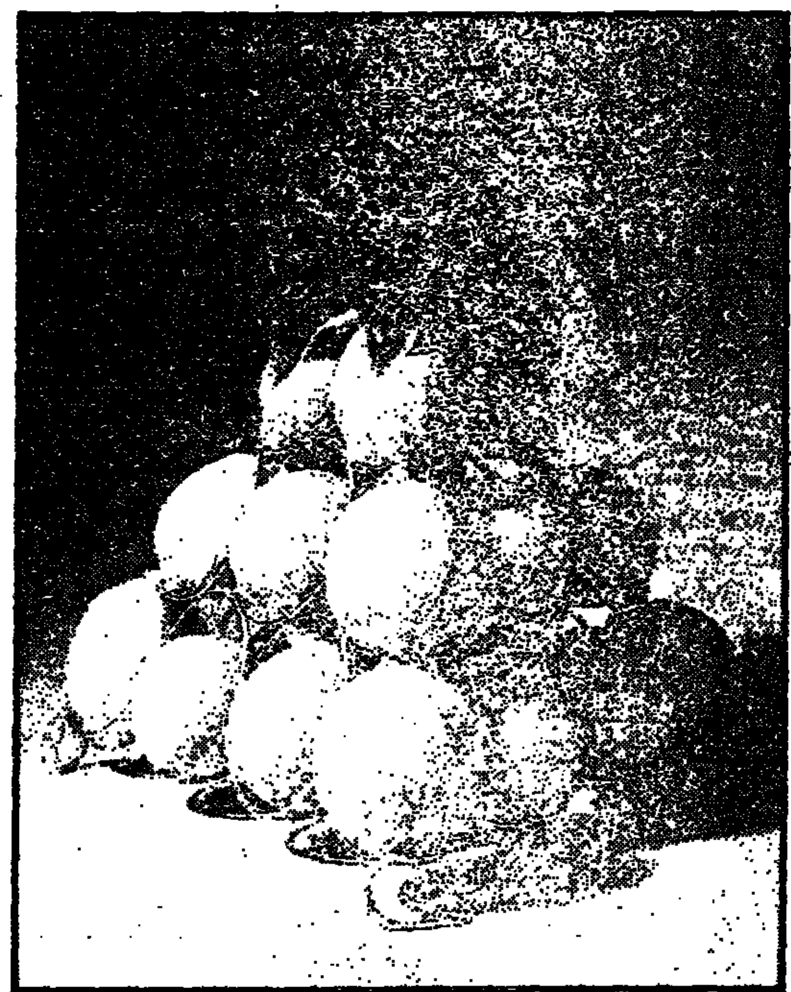
I have, for instance, managed to live contentedly for years, oblivious of the fact that I should have a special white porcelain acid spoon for lemon juice and vinegar, but I can now put that right for £1.27 instead of £1.95 (p&p40p). I can also have a freezer thermometer for 80p reduced from £1.22 (p&p 40p) and white porcelain scallop shells at £1.40 each from £2.15 (p&p 80p or £1.73 for six).

It would not have occurred to me to spend £16.70 on a chromed wire fruit stand, but when I see it for £10.85 (p&p £1.43) it does strike me that it would make a splendid Christmas decoration filled with shiny red apples and holly. And instead of asking my butcher to do my filleting, I can get a specially supple Sabatier knife with a rosewood handle for £3.65 (from £5.60) plus 40p p&p.

The big savings come in pans, particularly if you can get to the shop and save postage. The one I liked best is the mottled grey Epoque steamer, a two-handled round bellied pan with a steamer and one lid that fits both sections. It was £17.17 and is now £11.15 plus £1.90 p&p.

The Elizabeth David sale is from October 10 to 31 at 46 Bourne Street, London SW1. 01-730 3123. And, incidentally, if, like me, you hate pvc aprons that you can't wipe your sticky or floury fingers on, Elizabeth David do a really enveloping butcher's apron in navy and white striped cotton at £3.70 (available mid-October) or plain navy at £2.67 (available next week). Add 50p p&p on each. Not in the sale, but a good price, anyway.





Above: Fruit stand in chromed wire £10.85 reduced from £16.70 (£1.43 p&p) in the Elizabeth David sale from October 10 to 31 at 46 Bourne Street, London SW1.
Left: Mottled grey Epoque stewpan, 4pt, £6.18 from £9.51 orange stewpan 4½in deep, £7.02 from £10.80, saucepan £7.20 from £11.10, 10in frying pan, £6.80 from £10.45, all by Fortalux. Add £1.73 p&p on each item. All in the Elizabeth David sale from October 10 to 31.

Handy alarm for the lonely

For those who face lonely walks home on dark winter evenings, or for those who are nervous when they are alone in the house, there is a neat new personal alarm which emits a piercing continuous screech at the touch of a button.

In a slim plastic case, 4½in long, the alarm looks like an overgrown cigarette lighter with a small torch bulb at one end. The torch light shines as the alarm sounds and the case comes fitted with the pressurized screecher canister but not with batteries for the torch.

Portable alarms are fine in theory, but I am sure I would never have mine handy at the right moment. This one, though, is so neat and unobtrusive that it would be easy to get into the habit of keeping it in your hand whenever you are walking alone. It would also be a distinct discouragement to an obscene phone caller if you blasted it down his earpiece.

The Zelco 1st Aid personal alarm costs £4.95 plus 70p p&p from the DIY department at Selfridges, Oxford Street, London W1, who also stock replacement screecher canisters at 99p.



Now it's Hippos at home

Until recently, if you wanted the best in children's furnishings you had to make a pilgrimage to Pimlico to visit Hippo Hall. Then, a couple of months ago, their collection became available through 80 interior decorators. Now you can stay at home and put your feet up while the designs come to you by post.

Hippo Hall's first mail order catalogue, which is printed on good quality glossy paper so that colour and design are clearly represented, shows 16 fabric designs, each with one or two coordinates in wallpaper and bed linen. Wallpapers are all spongeable, fabric is good quality cotton, bed linen is polyester/cotton.

The designs are the most charming and original — a menagerie of exuberant bunnies on a beach, solemn teddy bears arranging a picnic, goofy hippos, boating frogs, house-proud mice. For boys there are loop-the-loop aeroplanes or nifty footballers and for children of any age there is Annie Sloan's enchanting animal alphabet.

Prices are from £7.50 to £12.50 a metre for fabric, £11.50 to £22.40 a roll for wallpaper, from £16.50 for sheets and £20.10 for duvet covers. There are also Hippo Hall family sweatshirts with a name appliqued in multi-coloured cottons; from £9.50 for child's size 2 to £11.50 for an extra large adult.

If you are not accomplished in making curtains, blinds, bedheads and cushions, Hippo Hall will do it all for you, and they will design and hand-paint children's furniture, too. For more details and their new mail order brochure write to them at 65 Pimlico Road, London SW1, 01-730 7710.



Hippo Hall stencils come with instructions for cutting and spraying — easy for children to make their own wall decorations. All designs £1 each, p&p 25p up to four stencils, £1 for more than four. From Hippo Hall, 65 Pimlico Road, London SW1

A sheet in time . . .

● Anyone contemplating double glazing to help keep the heat in this winter may like to look at a facts sheet on a do-it-yourself system using plastic sheeting.

Produced by the DIY Plastic Information Service, its bias is obvious, but it presents some interesting comparisons between plastic sheeting and glass — lower costs, better heat saving, safer for a handy person to use. It shows that it is possible to double glaze a 4ft x 4ft window for £15.56, using rigid plastic pane.

The leaflet is free from the DIY Plastics Information Service, 10 Newbury Street, Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 8BS, telephone Abingdon 30666.

● Mothercare are offering a 20 per cent reduction on baby feeding equipment from now until the end of the month. Among the offers are bottle heaters at £5.40 instead of £6.75, food blenders at £3 (£3.75), stay-warm plates £1.60 (£2), feeding beaker set 76p (95p). From all their branches or through Mothercare-by-Post, Cherry Tree Road, Watford, Herts, WD2 5SH.

How to cover your floors

How would you choose a carpet —by colour, quality or price? It is probably one of the most difficult furnishing decisions you are likely to face. Make the right choice and you can furnish the room with orange boxes and everyone will think they have been designed by Conran. Make the wrong one and your family heirloom will look like repro.

That is how important floorcovering is. It may also be the reason for the biggest trend in the past few years — Berbers, the neutral carpets with a homespun look, presenting satisfying texture without throwing down a design challenge to the rest of your furnishings.

But if you think of Berbers as knobbly loops you are out of date. The latest ones have softly coloured cut pile and some are even patterned. Last week I was invited to Scotland by A. F. Stoddard to see their coordinated Berbers—two differently textured plains and a companion Paisley design. They are produced in four shades plus the new fashion colour in furnishing — grey.

The Stoddard blue/grey is very delicate with a hint of faded denim and the idea of the coordinates is that you can use this same colour throughout the house, using different textures for different effects. Strathblane is a plain tufted Berber twist for halls and stairs, Strathyre is a deeper tufted pile for bedrooms, and Strathallan is the Paisley patterned Axminster for living rooms. Prices are from £16.65 to £25.85 a sq yd and so perfect is the co-ordination you could even use all three textures in one split-level room.

The only thing missing from this collection is a Stoddard speciality that is even newer — bonded carpet. The name is descriptive but, I think, unfortunate. I associate it with bonded fabrics which are cheap and nasty, whereas bonded carpet looks like top quality Wilton.

It is made like a sandwich of liquid pvc and yarn fed vertically into the gap between two rolls of backing material; the yarn adheres to the backing, is heated to harden the pvc and the sandwich is sliced through the middle of the yarn at the foot of the machine, producing two cut pile carpets.

So far, only Stoddards have the expertise to make the machines work perfectly and they not only make bonded carpet exclusively in this country, but license the process to America. It was Sir Robert Maclean, chairman of the parent company, Stoddard Holdings, who first saw the technique in its initial stages in Belgium and recognised its possibilities. It was then not working very well, but after making 30 manufacturing changes, Stoddards got it right.

The development is significant in the industry even though it represents a small percentage of the total British market, which is dominated in money terms by 65 per cent tufted carpets and 30 per cent woven. But as imports have risen and domestic sales have declined, go-ahead companies like Stoddards have had to cut their carpets according to the needs of the contract market.

Their bonded carpet is a winner. It can be cut to any shape, and laid, without binding the edges, round video terminals, telephone points, awkward pieces of equipment. This is a point worth bearing in mind in house furnishings, too, as expert carpet fitters are becoming more and more difficult to find.

In addition, all the pile is on the surface so you get a thicker carpet for your money. Carpet quality is measured in finished weight and all the ounces per square yard are in the surface of a bonded carpet, whereas in a Wilton some of the yarn is woven into the backing.

There are three qualities of bonded carpet produced by A. F. Stoddard — Oban, grade 4 (heavy domestic and general contract) at £11.67 a sq yd; Iona, grade 4, £15.85 and Elgin, a luxurious grade 5 (luxury domestic and heavy contract) £18.35. These are the prices at John Lewis partnership stores and you can also see samples at branches of Army and Navy. They compare with Stoddard's Wilton carpets of similar grades — Super Sax (grade 4) at £27 and top quality grade 5 Axminster at £31 a linear yard.

In case, like me, you are old enough to have been brought up with the idea that Wilton was best and Axminster slightly inferior, it may be because years ago Axminster looms wove rather more loosely than Wiltons, which produced a very dense pile. Today Axminster machines are just as capable of producing tight weaves and the two names merely indicate the method of manufacture: Wilton can have limited patterns but are mostly plain, Axminsters are multi-coloured.

You may also wonder why your mother's carpets lasted for 20 years while yours wear out in less than 10. The National Association of Retail Furnishers has a simple answer: carpets get a lot more rough treatment these days. They are no longer left pristine in the parlour, but are trodden and shuffled on in the same place each evening as we sit and watch television — and we don't change into carpet slippers any more, but tramp around in outdoor shoes.

"When you talk of durability you have to remember that the hardest wearing floorcovering is concrete", says Charles Maclean, chairman of A. F. Stoddard. "I could produce very hard-wearing carpet in low-quality filament nylon, but what would it look and feel like? The real criteria of a good carpet are appearance, comfort, and wear."

Today that usually means a mixture of 80 per cent wool with 20 per cent nylon for reinforcement. The brightly coloured cheap nylon market is strictly for young first-time buyers who intend to move soon or who have young families and what one retailer described as a "5-year spillage situation".

It is a pity that carpet cannot be bought as an investment and stored until needed, because now is certainly a good time to buy. The industry has gone through traumas of redundancies and subsidized imports; it has made itself more efficient and can produce faster and more economically, but there are still far too many people in the world producing carpet.

If the British carpet industry ran its machines at full capacity it could supply the whole of Europe on its own. So could Germany. So could Belgium. And when that happens everyone tries to outdo everyone else on design, colour, quality and most of all price. If you are thinking of getting new carpet — do it now. You may never have such an enormous choice again.



Paisley patterned Axminster Berber by A. F. Stoddard. Called Strathallan in blue-grey, green, brown, ivory or fawn, £20.99 sq yd at John Lewis, Oxford Street, London W1.



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Children's books/Brian Alderson

Loved to death but now reborn

Writing of dull childhood days in Paris during the 1840s Anny Thackeray recalled that "one of the nicest things that ever happened to us . . . was the arrival of a huge parcel . . . with piles and piles of the most beautiful delightful wonderful fairy tale books all painted with pictures". These, doubtless, were the review copies of some books published by Joseph Cundall which Anny's father had just extolled in *Fraser's Magazine* ("brilliant as a bed of tulips"), and from the rush of superlatives we can gauge something of the impact which this new publishing venture had on the dowdy market of its time.

It is less easy, however, to judge the matter from actual copies of these books in the glittering state that met the eyes of little Anny. When examples turn up, their fragile paper covers may be loose or missing, the colour of the glazed paper, with its gilt decorations, rubbed and tatty. Like the favourite children's books of every generation the series is almost lost to us through being loved to death or pulled to pieces.

Dramatically, though, a rediscovery is at hand. Not, it is true, in the exact form that came from Mr Cundall's shop in Old Bond Street, but as a remarkably careful facsimile from the other side of the world. Three individual titles from the enterprise are to be found in a composite collection of *Facsimile Editions of Early Children's Books* recently printed in Tokyo, and now published here by The Bodley Head. Along with 32 other examples they make up a most accessible introduction to the mysteries of this fugitive literature.

The idea for the facsimiles came from the Japanese firm of Holp Shuppan (which specializes in such publishing) during a visit to the Osborne Collection of Early English Children's books in Toronto (a collection which, through the quality of its curatorship, puts to shame most collections of English children's books in England).

The Japanese too have a rather greater interest in the subject than is found here and Holp Shuppan decided that it would be nice to let its customers see samples of the English tradition in children's book illustration. With this in mind, it negotiated the loan of volumes from Toronto and, fiendishly ingenious as ever, set about preparing facsimiles which should represent the printing, colouring and binding of the originals as closely as possible.

The fact that the initial selection of the 35 books was made for a Japanese market slightly inhibits its value for an English one. Kate Greenaway's *Calendar* for 1884, for instance, is a rather pointless item, as is the new facsimile of Charles Welsh's old facsimile of a 1766 *Goody Two-Shoes*. Limitations of the selection to one library — and only to camera — suitable copies in that library — may also be thought to restrict its usefulness. But so many early children's books are uncommon in anything like "Osborne condition", that the compilers' choice could not help but open up telling glimpses into the imaginative strength of English children's book publishing.

The Cundall fairy books themselves can be seen in a context that includes a mass-market chapbook of *Diamonds and Toads*, a Walter Crane picture-book *Puss in Boots*, and George Cruikshank's impossible *Hop o' my Thumb*, with its running commentary on the evils of drink. Alternatively, didactic entertainment can be seen developing from the medievalism of a 1777 edition of Comenius's *Orbis Pictus*, to a moral board-game, with rule-book, *The Mansion of Bliss* (1810), and a Scottish edition of the hand-coloured Froebelian New Picture Book (1858) adapted from the German (several signs here of an early international trade).

The "Bodley Head Box" can also be seen as an anthology of styles in the production and illustration of children's books. It has a representative example of almost every significant technical development in the chain of progress from cheap paper-bound booklets such as Houlston's *Scripture Histories*, illustrated with woodcuts, to elaborately colour-printed folio albums like Dicky Doyle's *In Fairy Land*, or chromolithographed movables like Dean's Pantomime *Cinderella*. By deft selection it manages to get in some literary charmers too: Christina Rossetti's *Sing-Song* with Arthur Hughes's wood engravings, Lear's *Nonsense* in vulgar colour, and — pearl of the box — Charles Bennett's nursery rhyme collection, *The Old Nurse's Book*, with hand-coloured engravings.

However much care is taken over these things, it is naturally not possible to match the authentic feel of hand-printed, hand-coloured books on hand-made paper; and it is very difficult to reproduce the blocked cloths and the multiple colour printing of some Victorian books. Nevertheless, the Japanese technicians, working for longish rather than restricted print-runs, have achieved some remarkable approximations and the box should be a great stimulus to collectors to gain a greater understanding of the complex social and graphic history of English children's books.

For fear that you think that its price is high (£275 now, £325 in 1982), you might like to reflect that such sums could easily be spent on original copies of just two or three of the items included here — and that it would probably take you a lifetime to collect the lot.

The 35 facsimiles are sold as a complete set by The Bodley Head at the price given above. All are boxed in slip-cases, decorated with individual designs by the Japanese illustrator, Mitsumasa Anno.

Gardening/Roy Hay

Not such a terrible weed

The other day we admired the bright colourful bedding outside the palm house in Kew Gardens: there were a number of orange flowered standards of *Lantana camara*. This attractive tender shrub has various colour forms — pink, lavender, orange, yellow and even white.

The last time I drove through Rennes in France there were dozens of standard lantanas on a four-foot stem planted down the central reservation of the main road through the town. The plant makes a shapely bushy pot plant and is also easy to train as a standard.

These lantanas are not hardy but may be bedded out in summer and brought under glass again before frosts arrive. Years ago we had some plants in a greenhouse. A young lady from Tahiti I think, came to see us and said: "Why do you grow that plant; it is a terrible weed!" Indeed, in some countries it is a troublesome weed; in Kenya and, I believe, in some other countries it is illegal to plant it. But it is no danger here as it would not survive a winter outside.

These lantanas made me think again how useful standard plants are in any garden, large or small. They relieve the flatness of large bedding schemes and in small gardens where we make use of the "third dimension" as I call it — arches, pergolas, walls and fences — they do enable us to grow another layer of plants, as it were, above the basic planting. Young lantana plants in several varieties are normally available in spring from T. Butcher Ltd., 60 Wickham Road, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey. Thompson & Morgan, London Road, Ipswich offer a seed mixture.

With many plants, producing a standard is simple enough. One just selects a good strong stem, or in the case of a plant like a fuchsia or a wisteria with possibly only one stem, and trains it up a stout stake. The side growths are shortened as they grow, and when the main stem has reached the desired height, the lower side shoots are all trimmed away. It is necessary to allow them to grow while the main stem is reaching its allotted height, because the leaves are needed to nourish the plant.

Eventually there will be several shoots near the top and these are pinched back to make them produce more side shoots which will produce the head of branches at the top of the main stem.

At present I am training a wisteria with enormous heads of white flowers which a kind friend rooted from a cutting. In one season it has reached seven feet and produced several side shoots which have been duly pinched back to four leaves. I have now pinched out the top and I hope that next year we will start making the framework of branches at the top that will carry the flowers. Wisterias are normally only seen growing over arches or pergolas, or against a wall; but grown as standards, as we saw them recently in Portugal, they can be magnificent — as indeed they are in Winston Churchill's garden at Chartwell.

Equally they may be grown as a large bush; a number of shoots are taken out from the base, tied to stakes and eventually become a free-standing large bush if pruned as I have described above. I had one about 10 feet across each way in my old garden at Hurtmore.

If you have a greenhouse it is very easy to grow standard fuchsias. A cutting rooted in the past month or so, kept warm and actively growing through the winter, will make a good standard plant for next summer.

Geraniums, like the scarlet variety 'Gustav Emich' which they still plant out in front of Buckingham Palace, may in its second year produce a head of flowers on a stem two to three feet high if trained up as a single stemmed plant.

The Dutch are now sending us standard specimens of Euonymus, those very attractive foliage shrubs, varieties of *Euonymus fortunei radicans* such as 'Silver Queen', green leaves with a creamy white margin. These are easily propagated from cuttings, or if bought from a nursery are easily trained up as standards. So too is rosemary; in the United States one often sees standard rosemary bushes, but I do not remember ever seeing one here.

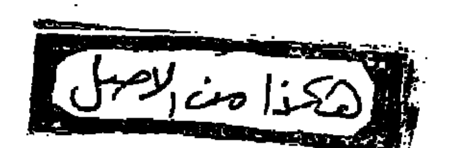
Standard roses one normally buys from a nursery as they are budded on a wild rose stem. But one can have a lot of fun from growing standard red or white currants and standard gooseberries. I grew a dozen or more over flower beds and borders at Hurtmore and thus they took up no space, gave me a lot of fruit and were a great talking point with visitors. Red and white currants you can easily train up as a standard in a couple of years, or you can buy them ready trained, as you can standard gooseberries.

Indeed, it is best to buy standard gooseberries which have been grafted on a three to four-foot stem of *Ribes aureum*. Mr R. Hill, The Nursery, Appleton, Abingdon, Oxford, grows a wide selection of standard, gooseberries, also red and white currants as bushes, and roses as standards.

I have seen in various places standard rhododendrons, and quite frankly I have thought they looked rather grotesque. Yet strangely a standard lilac does not strike me in the same way and certainly a lilac grown on a single stem does flower much more profusely than a bush lilac.

A superb specimen standard tree is *Buddleia alternifolia*. Its long pendulous branches, hanging down from a main stem six or eight feet high, covered with their long "ropes" of lavender flowers, are a real joy.

There are of course other weeping standard trees which one would normally buy from a nursery as they are not easy for the ordinary amateur to produce. I am thinking of the weeping pear *Pyrus salicifolia* 'Pendula' with lovely weeping branches of silvery leaves, and of *Prunus subhirtella* 'Pendula', which produces blush pink flowers in spring.



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Taking a leaf from the French

The literary world in Britain is one of stubborn and conspicuous insularity; it has little time for abroad, apart from those only nominally foreign countries whose language is English.

Countries ill-favoured enough to conduct their cultural affairs in other languages are deemed generally negligible, by writers, publishers, reviewers, booksellers, readers, all of whom will stick to English or, at a pinch, American books, of which there are more than enough to go round.

Some cultures are negligible, for practical literary purposes, but equally some of those which we ignore are not negligible. No literary culture is richer, closer at hand or as intellectually prolific as that of France, and yet there is, sadly, little knowledge of or feeling for it in Britain today.

Franco-British exchanges in the literary domain are in need of repair; some pained observers go further and say that they are in crisis. To analyse this crisis, and speculate as to what could be done to remove it, the Franco-British Council called a seminar in France of authors, publishers, cultural journalists, translators and bureaucrats.

It was held in the beautiful conventual buildings of the Abbaye de Fontevrault, near Tours, and in the appropriate presence of polychrome effigies of Richard I and Henry II, kings of England buried by their own choice in France, so symbolizing an age when the two countries were barely separable.

The Franco-British Council is a perfectly symmetrical body, the joint wish and creation of the late Georges Pompidou and Edward Heath, with parity of representation on either side. But at this particular colloque on "Le Livre" it was soon obvious that there was a shameful imbalance between the cultural openness of France and that of Britain.

The French are more hospitable to English writing than the English are to French, and more contemporary work is translated out of English into French than the other way round.

At the same time, it was clear that the isolationism we are accused of is not complete. There are some fields in which we are now more open to French ideas and books than we have usually been in the past.

The work of French historians, anthropologists, philosophers and social scientists now has a good chance of finding its way into English; and if novels are no longer much translated, books of literary theory are.

In the 1980s French influence here takes less glossy forms and inhabits a different part of the literary landscape: where once it may have been Bloomsbury or Bohemia that was francophile, now it is more likely to be the corner reserved for the radicals in polytechnic canteens.

A great deal more could be done, nonetheless, to give French books and culture in general a wider showing in this country, and to restore the preponderance of imaginative writing among the works that are translated.

There is a sizeable backlog to start on, from which it would be a pleasure to nominate titles and authors crying out to be put into English: the novels of Marguerite Yourcenar, for one thing, or the astonishing four volumes of autobiography by Michel Leiris.

But how to make this happen? Given the money, in a number of ways. The most spectacular plan put up at the seminar was for a French Book Week to be held in London simultaneously with an English Book Week in Paris.

It is said that there are fewer than 30 bookshops in Britain where you can buy a French book, which is scandalous if true. A Book Centre would be an asset.

There are quieter ways also in which money could usefully be spent. The question of translation is central to any talk of improving cultural exchanges and was aired again and again at the Council's colloque. Literary translation languishes everywhere today for the good reason that it can be exceedingly expensive.

A professional translator will not work speculatively or for free, and the cost of translating a book of 100,000 words is approaching, if it hasn't gone past, £2,000.

This can be prohibitive when a publisher is already sceptical whether translations will sell. Subsidies are needed; and the French already have them, for the translation of deserving titles both out of and into French.

Under François Mitterrand there seems a good chance that an enlightened cultural policy will become more enlightened.

A new sub-committee of the Franco-British Council will be formed this month to look into the projects talked about at Fontevrault, and decide on their virtues. After which the Council will have to look around and see who is going to pay for their realization.

Cash for cultural purposes is not come by without cunning, nor disbursed without protest. But the sums it will take to bring French culture nearer to us are not excessive, especially if a proper use can be made of helpful organizations that already exist, like the British Council.

John Sturrock

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Can Taiwan really trust Peking?

Peking

China's seemingly generous offer to Taiwan of easy terms for political reunion indicates just how great the internal changes here over the past few years have been. It also points the way to a possible solution for the eventual reabsorption of Hongkong into the People's Republic.

The sticking points in all previous attempts at a solution of the Taiwan problem have been threefold: Taiwan's capitalist system and relatively free cultural life; the insistence of the Kuomintang (Nationalist Party) that it would one day reconquer the mainland and destroy the "communist bandits"; and Taiwan's diplomatic links with other countries which accepted it as "The Republic of China" with pretensions to sovereignty over the whole country and even over the independent Republic of Mongolia.

Marshal Ye Jianying—China's closest equivalent of a head of state—has now assured Taiwan that its way of life, economy and trading links with other countries would be respected. In addition, Taiwan politicians would be able to participate in the government of the whole of China.



The revolutionary days of the Little Red Book: a memory that could make Taiwan hesitate.

Obviously, Taiwan has good reasons to be wary of this offer, made by a mainland government which, although having massively changed its own internal order, might suffer a backlash and revert to oppressive attitudes.

Like all hardline anti-communists, the Kuomintang fears the concept of coalition government, a classic communist tactic for subverting governments of other political colour. The memory of the Paris talks on Vietnam is also still fresh, with its overtones of divisiveness, panic, and finally the destruction of the established government of South Vietnam after what seemed like sweet reasonableness on the part of the North.

If infiltration and subversion, under the cloak of partnership, made a nonsense of the mainland's promises of autonomy, Taiwan would have to accept the strait-jacketed, dogmatic cultural and intellectual life of the mainland, which is still only experimenting cautiously with a modest increase of freedom in those areas. Closer links with the mainland's economic system could also mean the partial export to Taiwan of its unstable planning, inadequate statistics and general inefficiency.

As regards political freedom, many people who have lived in Taiwan claim that the oppression there is as bad as on the mainland. There are political detainees, and the security forces ruthlessly intimidate people who want to explore new options for the island's future.

None the less, Taiwan has never gone through any kind of destructive orgy such as the Cultural Revolution, the mass intimidation and brainwashing of most of the population, the lunatic personality cult and the twisted logic of the Mao period on the mainland. Nor has it known famine and poverty remotely comparable with what happened in China 20 years ago in the course of Mao's "Great Leap Forward" and may happen again if population control measures do not work.

So from the viewpoint of the man in the street in Taiwan, the big question must be: what would reunion with the mainland really be like? Would the island's inhabitants end up having to attend interminable political meetings, denounce each other for political heresy, see their national culture impoverished and trampled on, children turned against their parents, and severe persecution or forced abortion for women who want more than one child?

These aspects of life in the People's Republic—with the exception of the last—are repudiated by the present leadership. But that leadership was officially incorporated only a few months ago, and the dropping of past oppressive policies is something for which its mentor, Mr Deng Xiaoping, has had to struggle over the course of four years of intense political infighting.

A further problem for Taiwan is that Marshal Ye's offer will seriously erode the island's self-confidence and the support for its case in other countries. For a start, it will be unseemly for President Reagan to continue pursuing the matter of sales of advanced military aircraft to Taiwan since that would now be seen as American sabotage of China's peace initiative.

Political moderates in the United States may be impressed by the apparently generous terms which Peking has proposed for a solution—beginning with negotiations on such relatively harmless topics as postal and trade exchanges and reunion of divided families. Fear of unrest on the island may deter some Japanese and American investors and lead to a downturn in the economy.

The Taiwan regime is now very much on the defensive, more so than at any time during the past decade when almost every country that recognized it diplomatically defected in favour of recognition of Peking. The situation from now on can only become more fluid, with outside pressures on the Taiwan authorities to unbend at least a little.

The impressive liberalization of mainland China's economic system suggests that Marxism-Leninism is of dwindling importance in day-to-day affairs, and the government's most important goal is to create more wealth for all its citizens. This is perhaps something Taiwan businessmen could come to terms with, just as many Shanghai capitalists did when they agreed to stay on and be gradually expropriated by the communists.

The relevance of all this to Hongkong is easy to see. Peking's attitude towards the British-ruled territory has been consistently benign since 1972, and far from frightening off investment there, the Chinese leaders seek to encourage it. In eight years, at the most, Peking must state clearly what its intentions are for Hongkong after the expiry of the New Territories lease in 1997.

If a solution can be worked out whereby Hongkong receives special treatment as a free economic zone and retains autonomy over most of its internal affairs, the prospect of its reabsorption by China need not bring about its economic collapse.

The terms offered to Taiwan—with the exception of the retention of its own armed forces and participation in national government, which would be unimportant for Hongkong—would suit the British territory very well, and could save it from panic and flight of capital in the 1990s.

David Bonavia

Geoffrey Smith

The wind is still blowing from the left

How much has actually been changed in the Labour Party this week? There is no doubt that the right have left Brighton with lighter hearts than most expected when they arrived. They have secured three critical victories and a new upsurge of confidence. But the victories—on the elections for the deputy leadership and the new National Executive Committee, and in preventing the NEC having sole responsibility for the manifesto—were all on personalities or procedure, not on policies.

That may be a sufficient achievement for this year. The hard left were threatening to take over the party, with Mr Foot as their privileged prisoner. Had the key votes gone the other way, as two of them so nearly did, the hard left would have been in effective control. The nerve of the parliamentary party, which has already been sadly weakened, would have broken altogether. Resistance in the trade unions would have crumbled, and still more constituency parties would have succumbed to the left-wing tide.

The first priority for the right therefore had to be to secure control of the citadels of power before it was too late. But having done that, can they use their new position of strength to transform Labour into a party that would be acceptable to centrist opinion, without which it cannot win the next election? A great deal remains to be done because Labour has left Brighton as a party dedicated to left-wing measures under moderate leadership.

The right have recovered ground this week in both symbolic and practical terms. Mr Healey's victory over Mr Benn was essentially symbolic. Not only was it extremely narrow, but the office of deputy leader is one of prestige rather than authority. The change in the balance of power on the NEC gives more practical advantages to the right.

A new general secretary will be appointed in the coming year, and Mr Ron Hayward's successor will now be a very different kind of person than had been expected. In all probability a moderate trade unionist will be selected, with Mr Alex Ferry, general secretary of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, the most likely choice if Mr Derek Gladwin of the General and Municipal Workers sticks to his intention not to be a candidate.

There will be changes in the chairmanship of key NEC committees. While Miss Joan Lestor is expected to keep the chairmanship of the international committee, another member of the soft left will succeed Mr Benn in the chair of the home policy committee. Mr Neil Kinnock has so far declined to stand, and if he persists in his refusal Dame Judith Hart would be the obvious choice.

Mr Frank Allaun will be replaced as chairman of the press and publicity committee, which should modify the tone of Labour Party political broadcasts, and a member of the right-wing group—either Mr Sam McCluskie or Mr John Golding, one of the principal organizers of the Healey campaign—will take over the chair of the organization committee.

It is significant that the right should be concentrating on this committee. They will want to take action against militants and Trotskyites to prevent the hard left taking over the party at local level. But there is a limit to how far the right can go. They have no automatic majority on the new NEC. Their control depends on the support of one or more of the soft left. The burgeoning understanding between the moderates and the soft left will be critical to the operation of the NEC and may be of profound importance to the future of the party.

But it is none the less a limited understanding. The soft left will recoil from anything that could possibly be interpreted as a witch-hunt. So there is unlikely to be a majority on this NEC for proscribing the Militant Tendency. Mr Foot does not even want Mr Benn to lose his chairmanship of the home policy committee. There will, however, be a tougher approach towards the hard left and a greater readiness to support constituency parties who want to take action against disruptive forces.

But if Labour is to present itself as a reasonable alternative government there will have to be changes in policy as well. The right have been so absorbed in the personal and procedural battles over the past year that they have had to let the policy issues go by default. Now they will be able to turn to these with more confidence than they had thought possible a week ago.

Yet it will still not be an easy task. The right have scored their triumph this week because there has been a widespread revulsion against the intimidation and authoritarian tendencies of the hard left, not because they themselves have won the hearts and minds of the party. The prevailing wind in most debates at Brighton has been that of the unrealistic left.

It is possible at this stage to discern the outlines of future compromises, but no more than that. On the EEC the Labour Europeans seem to have given up hope of fighting against the commitment to withdraw. But the policy might well be modified to withdrawal after another referendum, possibly preceded by lengthy negotiations. There is a constitutional issue here, which is quite separate from the virtues

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of Community membership, and even some ardent advocates of withdrawal are uneasy about denying the electorate a second referendum when the previous one had shown a majority for staying in.

Existing policy on nuclear disarmament will have to be changed rather more substantially if Mr Foot is to realize his cherished ambition of presenting a united team to the electorate. Up to now he has been worrying more about having Mr Benn on board, but it will matter more to the electorate that he should keep Mr Healey—and Mr Healey has said that he will not serve in a Cabinet that is committed to unilateral nuclear disarmament.

Either Mr Foot must persuade Mr Healey to change his mind, which would destroy his credibility, or the party's policy must be changed. Mr Foot pointed the way with much tactical skill on Tuesday when he invoked the name of the CND and the spirit of unilateralism to justify a policy that was multilateralist in substance. A fanfare about the great opportunity to negotiate for peace can be expected in the next manifesto, without actually mentioning the word "unilateralism".

In economic policy an acceptable formulation is likely to be found that will hold out the prospect of cooperation on incomes between a future Labour government and the trade unions. But there will still be the prospect of a substantial extension of public ownership.

Indeed, it is curious that while the right have been devoting all their energies to fighting the left they have accepted rather more left-wing policies than might have been expected. One of the tragedies of Labour's civil war has been that the right have been diverted from developing enough ideas of their own. They will need to make up for lost time if they are to take advantage of this week's gains.

A new man for our Saturday nights

"H-e-r-e's Johnny," the American entertainer's side-kick Ed MacMahon will intone for the first time on British television tonight. Almost shyly Carson will appear from behind a curtain and give his six minute monologue on topical issues. The usual recipe follows, with comedy sketches and a parade of actors promoting new series and films, authors new books and singers new records.

But viewers will miss something if they are taken in by the rivalry concocted by Michael Parkinson's press agent and respond to Johnny Carson's *Tonight* show as just another American comedy with Carson as some Bob Hope-like master of cute one-liners personally tailored by an unseen army of writers. Carson is more.

He is a prince of Hollywood. Its life is mass entertainment and the stuff of life is deals, projects and reputations. All these inflate in value the more they are talked about in front of a mass audience. Carson is the undisputed cheerleader for the most profitable front-of-camera discussions about new deals, discs and plans. He confers celebrity.

In Carson's world, everyone is an entertainer. The present Governor of California angles for an invitation to the show. The Lieutenant-Governor, a former record producer and one of Hollywood's own, is a frequent butt of Carson humour. The ex-Governor of California, now in the White House, is a Carson graduate made good.

There is more. Carson is president of Carson Inc. It makes television programmes, collects the fees on the continuous reshowing somewhere in the United States of old Carson shows and sells suits bearing Johnny's name. Carson even affects Wall Street. Eighteen months ago news that he was thinking of leaving his network, the National Broadcasting Company, caused a slight fall in the shares of the parent company, RCA.

This is how Carson recently worked a better contract with NBC. First he softened up Fred Silverman, NBC president, with some calculatedly indiscreet remarks about his disaffection in an interview with *Rolling Stone* magazine. Then he let it be known during a serious interview on CBS television—the rival network to NBC—that he was planning to leave *Tonight*, the late night chat show he has hosted since 1962.

The tactics worked. Silverman knew that the Carson programme, in early 1980, was bringing his network a net profit each week of some $650,000. A $3m a year deal with Carson Inc was a small price to pay.

The story is not inspiring but it gives, in capsule form, a picture of the "new Hollywood" that Carson inhabits. The studios of Louis B. Mayer's era are not dead, they have simply become profitable real estate for the many-sided corporations that now own them. Masters of Hollywood nowadays are the television networks, not the film producers; the big men are not moguls but agents, accountants and the performers.

In Carson's Hollywood, for all its giant corporations, there is still such a thing as personal power. Carson has it: he is rich enough to leave *Tonight*. Power goes to performers with ratings/album sales/box office gross.

This element of personal power perhaps explains why Carson seems to have sensed a real challenge in winning in Britain. He can afford to lose, but his ego wants international recognition.

Johnny Carson and friend.

Ivor Davis of *The Times* reports on a recent conversation with Carson in Los Angeles: "I had ambivalent feelings about going to England . . . at this stage in my career why go out to get shot down or killed? Who needs it?"

Each week Carson will choose one of his shows for export to Britain. Tonight's opener will be his nineteenth anniversary programme featuring Burt Reynolds, Shelley Winters, Dom Deluise and Steve Martin. Martin's comedy albums that have been released here seem to appear all too quickly on the remainders rack: Carson may have a problem putting the humour accross.

"My concern was always", Carson told Ivor Davis, "that it was such an American show how could it transfer to English audiences? There are certain references in our show that people there may not get. I like shows like *Monty Python* and *Fawlty Towers* but you can miss the jokes because you're not familiar with certain local references.

"We won't try to cater particularly to the English. We have to hope our show is broad enough. You can't go out consciously and say I'd better not do this joke because Interior Secretary Watt is not well known in Britain." (Watt is big news on the American West Coast because he threatens to open offshore areas for oil drilling, upsetting environmentally conscious Californians).

Carson continues: "You can't gear a monologue topically for what's happening in England. It's like having a wife and mistress and trying to perform equally well for both—somebody's going to lose."

David Walker

The author has co-written with Jeremy Tunstall Media Made in California, *published this week by Oxford University Press, £12.*

A lady for injury time

John McEnroe is undoubtedly grateful to Cynthia Tucker, a London housewife, for the part she played in his victory at Wimbledon this year. Mrs Tucker is also the physiotherapist and osteopath who looks after McEnroe, Peter Fleming (his doubles partner), Stan Smith and Virginia Wade, among other tennis stars.

Mrs Tucker describes herself, in her forthright but appealing way, as a "body mechanic". She oils and tunes the McEnroe machine, and she is quick to affirm that the Wimbledon and United States Open champion is in good working order; but he does subject his body to enormous stress, like all modern sportsmen.

As more people play competitive sport it is hardly surprising that we are sometimes less concerned with the team sheet and the entry list than with the medical bulletins. This has led to the quaint practice of bracketing sportsmen with their infirmities.

Thus a parade of non-starters or doubtful runners might go: "Jones (ankle), Pevsner (knee), Flynn (groin), Morgan (chest) and Bloggs (brain) are unavailable for . . ." Ad nauseam.

This is not to cast aspersions on sportsmen's injuries, because the pitch and pressure of their short working lives mean that they cannot afford to be injured (even the amateurs cannot afford to be injured). They may or may not make model patients — Mrs Tucker has nothing but praise for McEnroe's off-court manners — but their overriding need for fitness encourages them to try all sorts of treatment when traditional medicine fails, or works too slowly.

Osteopathy is one of these less familiar branches of medicine, but Mrs Tucker and her fellow osteopaths hope to spread the word. The general council have moved their headquarters to spacious leased premises in Suffolk Street, near Trafalgar Square, London, and next week the British School of Osteopathy (BSO) opens its doors to full-time students, who will embark on a four-year diploma course.

Osteopaths rely on manipulation for treatment (not drugs or machines). They are unlike a physiotherapist or chiropodist, who accepts patients only when referred by a doctor and acts under his instructions.

The advantage to the osteopaths is that they retain the freedom of diagnosis, which, they say, is essential to them. The disadvantage is that generally doctors have been slow to recognize the merits of osteopathy in this country, and at present osteopathy students do not quality for a full grant.

Mr Stanley Bradford, the BSO's principal, said: "Osteopathy has been opposed by the medical profession in this country, but in the United States it is on a par with orthodox medicine". Mr Bradford added that there was growing recognition for osteopathy.

Tennis is not the only sport in this country where osteopathy has gained ground: the British Judo Association and the National Volleyball Association use registered osteopaths as well as the Lawn Tennis Association.

A sportsmen's clinic has been set up on Saturdays when doctors, physiotherapists and osteopaths are available at the BSO and Mrs Tucker is among those offering her advice.

Mrs Tucker does not believe that sportsmen should be considered separately in medical terms, although she acknowledges that sports medicine is booming. Physical stress goes with almost every hobby or job. "Typing puts stress on certain parts of the body", Mrs Tucker points out, "and it makes a difference whether you touch-type or use two fingers."

She has a word of warning for part-time sportsmen who rely on the odd jog or game of squash to keep their wheels turning.

"They are very foolish. They don't warm up enough and they don't recuperate when they take exercise", Mrs Tucker said. "Also they don't take enough notice of the things in their diet. Professionals never go out without warming up."

That is all very well, but these old bones become snarled and knotted in the warm-up, let alone the real thing. Flex your fingers, Mrs Tucker, you may have another customer.

Nicholas Keith



Cynthia Tucker shaking a leg.



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THE SENATE AND THE SAUDIS

The Reagan administration has backed itself into an awkward corner over the proposed sale of Awacs (airborne warning and control system) aircraft and other "air *defence* enhancements" to Saudi Arabia. Mr Reagan has now staked his prestige on getting the sale approved by the Senate. That the House of *Representatives* will register its disapproval is taken for granted, but it needs a majority in both houses to overturn the President's *decision*. Two weeks ago fifty-one senators (out of a hundred) actually signed a resolution opposing the sale.

Mr Reagan has not lost hope of persuading them, *but in his* effort to do so he has had to expose himself to a severe snub *if* he fails, and also to ask the Saudis to agree to restrictive conditions on the use of the equipment. Whether the Saudis have in fact agreed to *new conditions* remains unclear. But the description of the terms and consequences of the sale given by Administration spokesmen in the last few days must come close to negating the value of the sale in Saudi eyes.

The arguments both for and against the sale, though presented in terms of military security, are in fact largely political. For the last year Awacs aircraft have been operating in Saudi Arabia, on loan from the United States *and* flown by American crews, but for the purpose of enhancing Saudi security — particularly the security of Saudi oilfields on the Persian Gulf *which might be exposed to air* attack from Iran. The Saudi government requested this and is grateful for it. But it is sensitive to the political implications of having American forces based on Saudi territory. It would look better, in the eyes of domestic and regional public opinion, if Saudi Arabia were defending itself with its own forces and its own weapons. Therefore Saudi Arabia would prefer to buy Awacs for itself. That is a *perfectly reasonable aspiration* and one that fits in with the general American philosophy of helping friendly governments to stand on their own feet *rather than rely on* American military support.

Why, then, has the sale aroused so much opposition in the United States? By far the most potent reason is the fear that it would be prejudicial to Israel's security. This has been strongly argued by the Israeli government and its *supporters*, but the argument is greeted with scepticism by most non-Israeli military experts. As Mr Weinberger told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Monday, "Israel has increased its margin of military superiority over its Arab adversaries since the 1973 war. With or without the Awacs and F-15 enhancements, the Saudi air force realistically poses no significant threat to the security of Israel. This is true even in the context of a general regional *conflict*."

Israel is naturally sensitive to any increase in Arab military capability, and tends on principle to oppose any large sale of Western military equipment to Arab countries, including Egypt. In this case it is hard to resist the conclusion that the stakes are primarily *political. The* Saudis were reported early on as wishing to make the sale a test of American friendship. That challenge has been accepted by Israel and by her friends in the United States: it has become important for them to show that Israel's security is a higher priority for the United States than *Saudi friendship*, lest Saudi Arabia should acquire leverage over the administration's policy towards Israel.

Mr Reagan's irritation at the unwillingness of the pro-Israel lobby *to see*, Saudi security as an American interest is understandable. But had he been better briefed he would have foreseen that, and he *might* have asked *himself* whether this was the best issue in which to incur the lobby's anger. Any American President who embarks on a struggle with the Israel lobby is committing himself to a major battle, and will almost certainly have to make many concessions in order to win it. So far Mr Reegan has had to tolerate, with only token protest, the bombing of the Iraqi nuclear reactor and the July raid on Beirut and has committed himself to an ill-thought-out "strategic relationship" with Israel. These events have done much more damage to America's standing in the Arab world than a polite refusal of the Awacs sale last January would have done.

Whether or not the sale now goes through, it is to be hoped the administration will now realise that the Arab-Israel conflict cannot be treated as a mere sideshow. To both Arabs and Israelis it looms far larger than the "Soviet threat", and indeed conditions their attitudes to both superpowers. Even if an anti-Soviet consen*sus is the right objective for* policy in the Middle East, it is an objective for which a serious commitment to the solution of the Arab-Israel conflict is an essential prerequisite.

STANSTED REVISITED

The planning inquiry that opened at Quendon Hall this week is expected to use up more time, money and barristers than any of its kind before. The task it has been *set is to go round the Stansted* course for the second time and the third London Airport course for the third time. Is so extended a procedure needed to elucidate so much that is already obvious?

The first few days' play have *made that doubt more difficult* to stifle. To begin with the Department of Trade has come up with new forecasts of air passenger demand in the *London* area. This is a branch of expert guesswork subject to error, and the prevailing error in the recent past has been exaggeration. Ten years ago the Roskill planning commission's best guess for 1990 was 122 million journeys. *Three years ago a white paper* on airports policy gave 89 million as a maximum and 66 million as a minimum for 1990. Last week the department had come down to 67 million at the top and 56 million at the bottom. Peering farther ahead, *Roskill saw 260 million* air passenger journeys for London in the year 2006: the department now sees less than half that number at the top end of their range for the year 2000 and only a quarter at the bottom end.

If demand over the next twenty years turns out to be at or near the lower end of the latest range of official guesses, *the London airports* as now delimited could cope with the traffic without any developments on the scale to be considered at the inquiry. Mindful of the tendency for these forecasts to be subsequently deflated, the members *of the inquiry may be wonder*ing whether it is any longer necessary to call down the avalanche of environmental objection that is poised over them.

The other development that has slightly winded the proceedings is the opening submission of the barrister representing all interested government departments. A few months ago the Environ*ment Secretary* asked the inquiry to extend its scope beyond the British Airports Authority's designs on Stansted to include the alternatives of reviving the Maplin project and building a fifth terminal at Heathrow. *Like the Roskill commission* this inquiry is not confined to examining the merits of a single proposal but is invited to weigh alternatives. But now counsel for Whitehall has informed the inquiry that the Government does not intend to resurrect Maplin, that it does not believe there should be a fifth terminal at Heathrow, that it has rejected the idea of an *airport* on the Severn estuary, that it would not make available any other green-field site in place of Stansted, and that it would not pursue the option of a second runway at Gatwick. As the chairman of the inquiry plaintively remarked, "Your clients have put me in a great difficulty".

He need not be too discouraged. Not the least of the *functions* of these major planning inquiries is to afford those who feel their interests are damaged by the proposed development the fullest opportunity to object in a way that may even be effective. The inquiry is there to conduct lightning as much as to emit light. Its being there also imposes an interval between proposal and execution. During that interval civil servants may revise their appraisals, ministers may change their minds, a general *election may come over the* horizon. However firmly made up a government's mind appears to be on day one it may be open to suggestion by day seven hundred and . . .

SPARROWS IN CHANCERY

The dusky sparrow, a species *of* the North American seaboard, is reported to be down to its last five individuals — or *was at the last count*, for sparrows are here today and gone tomorrow. There may be a *handful* more in *the* wild, but their marshy habitat has been largely reclaimed for condominiums, and the odds are against it. The days have gone *in* the United States when vast hydro-electric programmes could be halted at a suggestion that they might impair the habitat of a rare breed of minnow. But even in the Reagan era, Americans take ornithology seriously. A grant of $46,000 has been made to keep the birds in carefully-monitored captivity, and a nature reserve is planned for their hoped-for descendants, at *a cost* of $2½m. Inflation has left its mark since the days when two sparrows were sold for a penny.

It is quite possible *to bring* a bird back from the verge of extinction. The Hawaiian goose, for instance, was rescued by the Severn Wildfowl Trust, and is now re-established in Hawaii several thousand strong. The gene-pool of any species, irreplaceable and potentially immortal, intrinsically deserves respect. Any species may possess qualities which we may stand in need of one day. The science-fiction scenario is familiar: a hitherto unrecorded strain of St Vitus's Dance is laying whole continents waste; then, in the deathly hush of a *hospital where every living* thing has succumbed (the very cockroaches exhausted), the handsome young researcher hears the merry chirrup of a dusky sparrow. . . .

But those seeking to save the dusky sparrow's genes *face an obstacle that the* Slimbridge goose-breeders did not. All five of the birds are male. But the nation which put a man on the moon is hardly *likely to despair because of a* minor setback like that. Two ways out of the difficulty are in sight, and *since this is* America, the choice between them is likely to be settled by litigation — right up to the Supreme Court, no doubt, if *the birds live that long.*

It would be possible to cross the five with related sparrows like the Cape Sable, breeding their descendants so as to bring out *duskiness at the* expense of sableness. (The fact that interbreeding is possible suggests that the dusky is not a species, but a *race*, hardly warranting such expensive custody in any case). But government attorneys argue that crossing would compromise the integrity of the stock. They forbid miscegenation, and rely on the remote chance of a female turning up in the wild. So the birds mope in luxury without mates. If the attorneys catch St Vitus's Dance when the time comes, they will have no-one but themselves to blame.

They bear a heavy vicarious responsibility, it is true. The *last representatives* of a species conduct their dynastic affairs under a heavier shadow *of responsibility than any king* or emperor. Sparrows take such matters notoriously lightly — hence the need for lawyers and endowments. But *there is a cautionary tale for* the attorneys in D. J. Enright's poem "The Quagga". In the 1860s London Zoo possessed a male and a female *quagga, a kind of dusky* zebra, by then probably extinct in the wild. The future of the species depended on those two. But the lugubrious interest of savants and keepers oppressed them with a sense of their responsibilities. At last one afternoon the male *shook* off his lethargy, and reared and snorted:

He was Adam: there was
Eve.
Galloping over to her, his
head flung back,
He stumbled, and broke a
leg, and had to be shot.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BL-Honda: an unequal deal?

From Mr J. T. Warburton

Sir, The letters from Michael *Edwardes and Kiyoshi Kawashima* (October 1) prompt me to ask, is this example of Anglo-Japanese *cooperation going to be equalled* by some concrete access to the very large Japanese market?

After some years in the Far East I am able to say that it would be a very rare event for the Japanese to permit an agreement to be of equal benefit to both parties.

When we have an equal opportunity to put our cars on sale in Tokyo and the barriers of a very astute bureaucracy are seen to have been removed to give more equal opportunities for an equality of sales opportunity then Kiyoshi Kawashima will have more credibility as a spokesman for international trade, as I understand it.

Yours sincerely,
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Henley on Thames,
Oxfordshire.
October 1.

From Mr H. E. Fenton

Sir, Although it was quite a coup for Honda-BL to grab the centre position on your letters page for their trade promotion, I think it showed little respect for your readers that they thought of it and you allowed it. Their products as well as your own have gone down *a lot in my estimation*.

Yours faithfully,
H. E. FENTON,
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October 1.

Retail price index

From Sir Hugh Weeks

Sir, *Most of the rise in the retail* price index from 10.9 per cent to 11.5 per cent in August was due to the *statistical problem which can* always arise in comparing successive monthly increases. The *rise in the index to the new base* in August, 1980, was unusually low at 0.6 points compared with 2.2 points in the month before and 1.7 points in the month after. If the August rise had been the average for the period (at say 1.5 points) the 12 month rise in the RPI would have been 11.1 per cent instead of the 11.5 per cent which caused alarm and despondency.

But how significant is even this corrected 12 month change of 11.1 per cent as an indication of the course of inflation? The rise in excise duties in the March Budget accounted for a substantial part. An index of price increases *net* of direct taxes would have shown an increase of about 8 per cent over the last 12 months. The tax and price index, which allows for income tax and national insurance, rose in the same period by 14 per cent. A comparison of *these two figures emphasizes how* much of the erosion of spendable income is due to tax increases.

And finally, I must protest about the nonsense of "annualising" the six-month increase in the RPI for a period which includes the substantial Budget effect in March and April. A more sensible measure would be to annualise the rate over the first four months, which would give about 7.5 per cent instead of the published 14.7 per cent.

Yours truly,
HUGH WEEKS,
8, The Grove,
Highgate Village, N6.
September 20.

Convoy PQ 17

From Mrs Hope Cobb

Sir, Captain Broome's letter in today's edition (September 23) implies that the disaster of Convoy PQ 17 was caused by panic decision on the part of the First Sea Lord.

I typed the signal ordering the convoy to scatter as I was at that time secretary to the Director of Operations (Home) in the Admiralty. The decision would only have been taken after consultation between the First Sea Lord, the *Vice-Chief of Naval Staff*, the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Home) and my master the *Director of Operations (Home)* — and none of them in armchairs. Sadly all are now dead.

Maybe the decision was wrong, and I can still remember the resultant gloom and indeed agony throughout Operations *Division*. Nevertheless I think Captain Broome's letter — 40 years after the event — less than fair to those officers who were serving in the Admiralty at the time.

Yours faithfully,
HOPE COBB,
Hummock Hill,
High Beech,
Haywards Heath, Sussex.
September 23.

Lessons for SDP after Brighton

From Mr B.I. Straton-Ferrier

Sir, Some members of the Social Democratic Party may be tempted to deny that the way things went at Brighton *this week might* damage our electoral prospects. I hope we are going to be the party which faces and *tells* the truth, however inconvenient. And the truth must be that fewer, in the short term anyway, will now make the agonising leap that many of us have made than if Tony Benn were now Labour's deputy leader and the complexion of their national executive committee were as it was last week.

I hope, too, that we are going to be the party of responsible maturity. If so, we must welcome and rejoice in these developments, which are good for our country and for the hope of genuine democracy, however else they affect us. Indeed, we may have played a more decisive part in bringing them about than we could have done from within, and we should say so proudly.

Should we, then, rejoin the Labour Party? Of course not. We have experienced the joyous release of having no more to suppress and distort our true *convictions out of long loyalty to* an organisation which once embodied them, nor any longer to pretend that there is some lingering accord between us and those on the far left who have come so close to taking over the party many of us upheld for decades.

They will go on trying to do so: "it's only the beginning", Mr Benn said on Monday. And they may yet succeed. So the energies of those who remain in the Labour Party, while really agreeing with us, will go on being sapped and dissipated in the futile continuing attempt to maintain a semblance of unity between factions which are now deeply and permanently irreconcilable.

There is much evidence now that *millions understand all this* already, and more will come to do so in time. A further lurch to the *left at Brighton might have added* new impetus to our already exhilarating success. But we don't need that to win *the next election* with our Liberal allies. And even if we did, could we really regret that the illiberal stampede in the Labour Party has at long last been halted, if only for a while?

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN STRATON-FERRIER,
18 Kingswood Close,
Oakhill,
Surbiton,
Surrey.
September 30

From Mr Leonard Tivey

Sir, Since the objective of the Social Democratic Party is to "break the mould" of British *politics, then presumably what is* envisaged in the future is a multi-party system and its concomitant, coalition government. Such arrangements can certainly prove stable and successful, but some requirements might usefully be kept in mind by the SDP leaders.

First, the SDP should at all times maintain its own indepen*dence. There is an obvious need at* present for an electoral pact with the Liberals. However, in the *longer term (and perhaps even* after the next election) other alliances might be necessary for *coalition building*, and the *SDP* should keep its options open for the future.

In the meantime it should have no truck with Liberal attempts to interfere in candidate selection (*are they offering reciprocal* rights?). Secondly, it should take care to maintain the strong *central management of its* strategy which has led to so successful a launch.

Coalition politics, to provide long-run stability must provide for the possibility of readjust*ments from time to time between* participant groups. Such readjustments can only be made by a *process of bargaining and accom*modation at the leadership level. There are signs that many Liberals have not yet grasped this vital point, and the SDP should avoid following their bad example.

Yours faithfully,
LEONARD TIVEY,
Senior Lecturer in Political Science,
Department of Political Science,
Faculty of Commerce and Social Science,
University of Birmingham,
Birmingham.
September 21.

From Mr Bill Cunningham

Sir, Whatever procedure is adopted for the leader of the parliamentary SDP, there is a strong case to be argued that the first occasion will be exceptional and that special procedures should apply.

Professor Rawlings (October 1) has pointed out that the present SDP members are *small in* number and unrepresentive of the range of opinion of the membership. *To that can be added* that neither have they been through a selection procedure nor are *they necessarily* closely in touch with and responsive to grassroot membership.

I *therefore* believe that the proposed SDP Council, coupled with a ballot of the entire *membership*, is the most appropriate method for electing the leader on the first occasion.

Yours faithfully,
BILL CUNNINGHAM, Chairman,
Stockport Area Social Democratic *Party*,
6 The Avenue,
Heald Green,
Cheadle,
Cheshire.
October 1.

Beating Mr Benn

From Mr Ben Vincent

Sir, Your leader of October 1 and the article you print by Mr Shore both echo the widespread opinion that *the recent events at the* Labour Party conference augur greater popularity with the elec*tors. I find this hard to believe.*

Admittedly the campaign conducted by the press against Mr Benn had an enormous success in assassinating his character. Admittedly, too, his accent, manners, comparative affluence and education make him the butt of class-conscious trade unionists and of popular journalists; but I should have thought that he was much less detested by the general public than the trade union bosses who ensured his defeat and the defeat of the responsible socialists and activists of the constituency parties.

Can you think that the electors are going to vote for a party whose very constitution delivers it over to the trade unions with the heaviest clout? Think of those union *leaders*; are they more attractive to the British public than Mr Benn?

No commentators I have read seem to have considered the amazing situation created by the *alienation of the party activists* from the new national executive of the party. Can anyone believe *that the party can run candidates without the enthusiastic devotion* of the activists?

I concede that in every local party there are some paid-up members who prefer the remaining social democrats within the parliamentary party to the socialists, but a campaign is not won by paid-up members; it is won by the hard graft of activists, and the activists are almost entirely on the side of Mr Benn and the Labour Party conference of 1980.

They are not going to strain their insides out to get a candidate elected who frankly tells them, as Mr Foot has done in effect, that when their man gets in he will be free to let them down, as so many Labour-fakers have done in the past, and that they will be expected to reselect him and work *like mad for him at the following* elections for ever.

Conservatives, with their lack of *political theory and their touching* faith in the perfect gentlemen who stand as Tory candidates, may *swallow that one* but *socialists* certainly won't and, after all, the Labour Party has long since ceased to be simply the voice of the working class in a capitalist regime: it is, or was until this conference, an explicit socialist party.

Yours etc,
BEN VINCENT,
4 Hawthorne Road,
Radlett,
Hertfordshire.

Taxation and food

From Mr H. B. Williams

Sir, The EEC Commission's draft proposal for a tax on oils and fats, as reported by your Brussels Correspondent (October 1), is strongly opposed by members of the *Food Manufacturers' Feder*ation. Oils and fats are important raw materials in a very wide range *of processed foods*, and food prices would have to rise as a result of such a tax.

The Commission's philosophy in dealing with food mountains and *oil lakes is still to maintain* artificially high prices and tax competing products.

Surely, *in principle*, it must be wrong to tax food?

Yours faithfully,
BARRIE WILLIAMS,
Deputy Director-General,
Food Manufacturers' Federation
Incorporated,
6 Catherine Street, WC2.
October 1.

In Hannibal's tracks

From Mr W. F. Zeuner

Sir, Further to your article by Frances Gibb on our expedition (August 28) and your correspondents to *The Times* on September 4 and 5, I should like to supply you with further information to clarify the record.

Mr Thomas Hinde, whose most interesting book, *The Great Donkey Walk*, includes his crossing of the Alps with donkeys, mentions that Sir Gavin de Beer's first *choice was Col de la Traversette.* Of the two passes favoured by Sir Gavin I would agree with Mr *Hinde that Col de Mary is most* unlikely. There are other cols in the area, for example, Col de *Malaure*, which our expedition have investigated over the years and which fit with Polybius's description fairly *well*, but these have changed in many ways since Hannibal's time.

At least three, including la Traversette, have been considerably damaged by being blown up for political reasons on more than one occasion during the last 250 years. This *makes a serious* investigation of the Italian descent and also the views from the *top rather difficult*, particularly as part of the top has disappeared.

Our researches, started eight years ago, led to our taking an elephant across five passes last month: Col de Clapier, Col de Petit Mont Cenis, Col de Grand Mont Cenis, Col de Mont Genevre and the French side only of Col de la Traversette. We consider that one of these passes must have been used by Hannibal, but we have very large quantities of information on other sections of the *route which influence which pass* is possible as a crossing point. These have still to be analysed *fully before we make our final* decision as to which route Hannibal really took. The exercise *this summer was mainly a feasi*bility study and to field test our radio-telemetry equipment.

Your second correspondent, of September 5, refers to John Hoyte's book, *Trunk Road for Hanibal*. We are well aware of this book, in which John Hoyte *categorically states that he failed* to cross Col de Clapier with an elephant and went over the Mont *Cenis down to Italy to Suza*, where he had an enormous party and was made most welcome. Nevertheless, stonemasons carved an elephant on the Italian side of Col de Clapier even though Hoyte's elephant never reached that point. It is therefore considerably to the credit of our team, despite previous attempts by others that we did succeed in crossing Col de Clapier from the French side and down the Italian side in 9¼ hours, absolutely according to plan and without incident.

I hope this clarifies the facts that your *correspondents* queried.

Yours faithfully,
W. F. ZEUNER,
Expedition leader,
Hannibal Expedition,
Cleveland House,
Yarkhill,
Hereford.
September 16.

Argument against third airport

From Mr Alan Haselhurst, MP for Saffron Walden (Conservative)

Sir, *The* newly *published* air traffic forecasts reported on September 25 by your Air Correspondent are an *interesting* prelude to the Stansted Airport inquiry.

Even taking the Department of Trade's own chosen interpretation of the figures it is clear that the main foundation of the British Airport Authority's case, namely that there will be a shortfall of capacity at London's Airports by 1987, has been demolished. The most optimistic forecast (from the DOT's point of view!) shows that extra capacity will not be required until nearer 1995, whilst the low forecast indicates a date in the next century. Anyone surveying the current state of the aviation industry, as well as the past history of forecasting, can scarcely doubt which option to back.

So this Government, like many of its predecessors, finds itself in a quagmire created by besotted airport planners. There is perhaps one consolation. The new inquiry provides an opportunity for a cool *look at what is truly in Britain's* best interests so far as provision for air travel is concerned. There is certainly now less *excuse* for believing that these interests are served by a major new airport at Stansted or anywhere else.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN HASELHURST,
House of Commons,
September 26.

Marine reserves

From the Chairman of the Royal Yachting Association

Sir, There can be few responsible members of society who are not in sympathy with the general aims and policies of the Nature Conservancy Council. I know that the majority of British yachtsmen, even if motivated more by self-interest than ecological con*science*, *are particularly anxious* that the marine environment should be protected and con*served, even if necessary by the* application of relevant legislation.

Among the provisions of the House of Lords Wildlife and Countryside Bill the Nature Conservancy Council will acquire a wide range of powers to promote bylaws for the establishment of marine nature reserves. It is intended under the terms of the Bill that among those powers will be a prohibition upon pleasure boats from entering sea areas of up to 10 square kilometres designated as marine nature reserves, even in cases of distress.

Although the Royal Yachting Association has been repeatedly assured that these bylaw-making powers will not be indiscriminately adopted by the Nature Conservancy Council, the prospect that this *Bill* may soon pass into law has caused grave concern among yachtsmen.

The association has been told that the power to prohibit navigation is unlikely to be used, but *given that this power could* preclude even the innocent and harmless passage across a reserve *of a cruising boat remaining* in the reserve for no longer than is reasonably necessary to make *passage through* it, why then is this superfluous power to be given to the Nature Conservancy Council? It *must* be recognized that this power to interfere with the freedom of navigation is not only unnecessary but wholly unprecedented.

If the Bill in its present form passes into law following the consideration of Commons amendments in the House of Lords on October 15 the Nature Conservancy Council runs the very serious risk of alienating the sympathy and support of British yachtsmen.

I remain, Sir, yours sincerely,
PAT DYAS,
Chairman,
Royal Yachting Association,
Victoria Way,
Woking, Surrey.
September 24.

Simple, Watson

From Mr H. R. F. Keating

Sir, How doubly delightful it will *be if we can accept* Mr D. C. Damant's assurance (September 25) of Dr Watson's "meticulous *accuracy*" in recording the Sherlock Holmes cases. We shall have another dimension of the marvellous to add to those marvellous stories: Holmes's ability to move the canopy of Time above him.

Such surely must be the explanation for the letter Miss Mary Morstan received at the outset of the Sign of Four affair, dated July 7, summoning her to a rendezvous that night at the Lyceum Theatre, where, behold, "It was a September evening, and not yet seven o'clock, but the day had been a dreary one, and a dense drizzly fog lay low upon the great city.

Yours most faithfully,
H. R. F. KEATING,
35 Northumberland Place, W.2.

Driven to distraction

From Mr Michael Evans

Sir, In reply to *Major-General E.* K. Sixsmith's letter of October 1 I regret to inform him that the bus from Simla to the Kulu Valley no longer displays the same notice: "Passengers are respectfully requested to report any driver driving drunk, rash or neutral." Instead it carries the terser warning, "Passengers are requested not to spit."

However, the drivers still stop to smoke *charas* before attempting the more hazardous stretches. I fear that the road has deteriorated since 1936.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL EVANS,
109 Centre Drive,
Epping, Essex.
October 1.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 2: The Duke of Kent, Colonel Scots Guards, today received Lieutenant Colonel Michael Scott on his assuming command of the 2nd Battalion, and Lieutenant Colonel John Clavering on his relinquishing the appointment.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 2: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at the May-Fair Ball in aid of The Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation and The International Year of Disabled People, at the London Hilton Hotel. Lieutenant Colonel Simon Bland and Mrs Evan McCorquodale were in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. T. A. Morgan and Miss E. S. Gibson
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. S. Morgan, of Hickling, Nottinghamshire, and Elizabeth, twin daughter of Sir Ralph and Lady Gibson, of London.

Mr J. Aylett and Miss M. Michelmore
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr S. O. Aylett, MBE, FRCS, of London, and Mrs W. S. Aylett, of Lauragh, co Kerry, and Moira, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs H. R. A. Michelmore, of Sidmouth, Devon.

Commander R. J. Brooke, RN and Miss M. A. Hare
The engagement is announced between Robin James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Brooke, of The Red House, North Cadbury, Somerset, and Alexandra, elder daughter of Mr Robert Hare, of Hayler's Farm House, Coolham, Sussex, and of Philadelphia, and Mrs Martha Hare, of New York.

Mr D. G. Errington and Miss C. A. Neville
The engagement is announced between David Grant, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Errington, of Ascot, Berkshire, and Catherine Ann, younger daughter of Mr Kenneth Neville, of Sydney, Australia, and Mrs Joanne Neville, of Eastbourne, Sussex.

Mr A. Humbert and Mrs A. G. Meyer
The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place quietly in December, of Arthur Humbert, of Kimbridge Farm House, Kimbridge, Romsey, Hampshire, and Anne Gabriel Meyer (née Williams), of The Maltings, Highmoor Cross, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr C. Lent and Miss L. Christian
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Lent, of Wimbledon, London, and Louise, daughter of Professor and Mrs J. W. Christian, of Oxford.

Mr P. J. Morris and Miss A. M. D. Gregory
The engagement is announced between Peter John, second son of Mr and Mrs B. Morris, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Amanda Mary Diana (Mandy), eldest daughter of the Rev I. H. and Mrs Gregory, of Tintagel Vicarage, Cornwall.

The Rev R. J. Morris and Miss A. Joubert
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs F. T. Morris, of Sidcup, Kent, and Anna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Joubert, of Moseley, Birmingham.

Dr I. M. Murray-Lyon and Miss T. González Montero
The engagement is announced between Iain, elder son of the late Dr Ranald Murray-Lyon and of Mrs T. I. Wilson, of Edinburgh and Wester Elchies, Banffshire, and Teresa, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Juan A. González Montero, of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Mr R. Simmons and Miss J. Rawes
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Lieutenant-Colonel T. M. and Dr V. Simmons, of East Molesey, Surrey, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Rawes, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, October 2, 1956

Titoist ideals in Poland

Whether under the influence of President Tito's visit to the Soviet Union, or for reasons which may soon emerge, it is significant that Polish political leaders have now begun to voice their praise of the Yugoslav brand of communism, something which previously they did only in secret. A parliamentary delegation which has just returned from an official visit to Belgrade expressed the view that Yugoslavia has outdistanced Poland in the "democratization of the form of economic life". In the new phase of post-Stalin rethinking Tito and Yugoslavia have a double attraction, not merely to political leaders but also to the Polish economists and above all the Polish workers. The rigid party control has been bitterly resented by factory executives and workers alike. Hence the new move in factories to allow the workers to try to run them by themselves.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid):

Bick, Mr Louis Edmund, of Purley, Surrey £215,332
Charlesworth, Mr Edward Fitzgerald, of Horsted Keynes, Sussex, Lloyd's underwriter, £528,191
Coak, Mr John Sidney, of Romsey, Hampshire £264,930
Dawson, Mrs Mary, of South Fawley, Oxfordshire .. £939,181
Day, Miss Edith Aurora, of Haslemere, Surrey .. £620,912
Delany, Miss Catherine Genevieve, of Batterstown, co Meath, estate in England, Wales and the Irish Republic £334,105
Exton, Mrs Annie Florence, of Bewdley, Worcestershire £225,414
Garnham, Mrs Joan Elizabeth, of Bookham, Surrey .. £327,354
Greenwood, Mr Robinson, of South Cave, north Humberside £295,806
Jewson, Mr Charles Boardman, of Norwich, timber importer £278,160
Jones, Mr John Ivor, of Down Hatherley, Gloucestershire £283,612

Memorial service

A memorial service for Dame Eileen Younghusband was held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Professor Raymond Chapman, Canon Sebastian Charles and the Rev Austen Williams. Rabbi Hugo Gryn and Mr Peter Barclay, Chairman of the National Institute for Social Work, read the lessons and Professor Ralf Dahrendorf, Director of the London School of Economics and Political Science, read from Bhagavad Gita. Professor Roger Wilson and Dr Armaity Desai, of Bombay University, gave addresses. Among those present were:

[illegible] ing of Social Work), Miss Tilda Goldberg (Policy Studies Institute), Mr Robin Guthrie (Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust), Miss J Hope Wallace, Mr and Mrs Robin Huws Jones, Professor Kathleen Jones, Professor Robert Leaper, Professor Brian Abel-Smith, Mr Kenneth Brill, Mr David Weir, Mr Peter Westland, Mr Peter Day, Mrs John Hardiman, Miss N Honeybun, Frau Anni Hofer, Mrs Hilary Halpin, Canon Eric James, Miss Betil Jones, Mr and Mrs David Jones, Miss Kate Griffiths, Miss M Richards, Mrs G Ryan, Dr Katharine Kendall, Mrs Lutyens-Humphrey, Canon M Braybrooke, Miss Mollie Batten, Mrs Peter Barclay, Miss Joan Beckett, Dr John Bowlby, Mr Sidney Briskin, Miss Zofia Butrym, Miss Sybil Clement Brown, Mrs Christine Cockburn, Professor Arthur Collis, Mrs Raymond Chapman, Miss Joan Cooper, Professor Max Crawford, Professor Ruth Crawford, Professor and Mrs T H Marshall, Professor and Mrs Richard Mills, Professor and Mrs Rolf Olsen, Professor Robert Pinker, Miss Jennifer Pinney, Professor Garth Plowman, Dr Audrey Richards, Mrs Gordon Richardson, Miss Margaret Roxburgh, Mr Anthony Tabourdin, Professor Martin Davies, Professor David Donnison, Professor E M Eppel, Mr and Mrs C Godfrey-Isaacs, Professor Eric Sainsbury, Dr and Mrs John Simmonds, Professor Adrian Sinfield, Professor Gladwyn Stewart, Mrs Roger Wilson, Mrs Clare Winnicott, Mr and Mrs Douglas Woodhouse, Mr and Mrs Stephen Wilson, Dr Margaret Yellolv and Frau Ruth Zorbrist.

Sir Sydney and Lady Caine much regret that they were unable to attend the service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dame Eileen Younghusband owing to absence abroad.

Memorial to Lord Florey, OM
A memorial stone to Lord Florey, OM, will be unveiled and dedicated in Westminster Abbey after Evensong on Monday, November 2, 1981, at 5.00 pm. Those wishing to attend are asked to notify in writing the Deputy Registrar, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, by Thursday, October 22, so that the appropriate seating arrangements can be made.

Luncheons

HM Government
The Lord Privy Seal was host yesterday at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens given in honour of Dr Peter Corterier, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Langbourn Ward Club
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff Lady Donaldson, were guests of honour at the annual luncheon of the Langbourn Ward Club held yesterday in Guildhall. Mrs J. Owen, chairman, and Mr Owen welcomed the guests, who included the Dean of St Paul's.

Dinners

Middlesex Hospital and Medical School
The annual dinner of Middlesex Hospital and Medical School, London University, was held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Professor Lewis Wolpert was in the chair and the other speakers were the Dean, Sir Douglas Ranger, Dr Adam Law, and Professor P. N. Campbell. The principal guests included: [illegible]

To Professor and Mrs P. J. Randle
A dinner was given at Merton College, Oxford, last night for Professor and Mrs P. J. Randle by Professor Randle's former research students. Dr E. A. Newsholme and Professor K. W. Taylor were the speakers. Among the guests were:
Professor C N Hales, Professor C I Pogson, Dr S J H Ashcroft, Dr J Kenny, Dr P J England, Dr R M Denton and Dr J C Schofield.

Pembroke College Society, Oxford
The Pembroke College Society, Oxford, held its annual dinner at the college yesterday. Mr N. S. Marsh, QC, presided.

Mr Victor Pasmore, CH, was guest of honour at an Arts Club dinner on Thursday, October 1.

Service dinners

Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
Major-General P. H. Lee, Director General of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, and officers of the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers last night held their autumn dinner at the Headquarters Officers' Mess, West Court, Arborfield. The guests included senior Service officers and civil servants, officers of allied Commonwealth corps and presidents of associated engineering institutes.

8th Gurkha Rifles
The 8th Gurkha Rifles Regimental Association held a dinner at the Naval and Military Club last night. Those present included Brigadier Eric Langlands, president, Lieutenant Colonel Tony Dumas, chairman, and Major Tom Redgrove, honorary secretary.

The Royal Anglian Regiment
The annual officers' dinner of The Royal Anglian Regiment was held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Major-General J. B. Dye, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Gunnery Officers
Major-General M. J. Tomlinson, Director Royal Artillery, was the guest of honour at the Gunnery Officers' reunion dinner held last night in HMS Excellent, Whale Island, Portsmouth. Captain J. J. Streatfeild-James, RN, presided. Among those present were Admiral Sir John Hamilton and Vice-Admiral Sir Stephen Carlill.

RAF Provost Officers
The annual dinner of the RAF Provost Officers' Dinner Club was held last night at RAF North Luffenham. Air Commodore I. M. Young, Director of Security and Provost Marshal (RAF), presided and the guest of honour was Air Vice-Marshal D. C. A. Lloyd, Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Feltmakers' Company
The following have been elected officers of the Feltmakers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr J L Bowler; Upper Warden, Mr D J Holborow; Renter Warden, Sir Kenneth Newton; Third Warden, Mr A G I Wontner; and Fourth Warden, Mr D Watling.

Clockmakers' Company
The following have been elected officers of the Clockmakers' Company from January 11, 1982: Mr F. A. Mercer, Master; Mr R. W. Elliott, Senior Warden; Mr B. G. L. Jackman, Renter Warden; Sir Charles Ball, Junior Warden.

Meeting

St John's College
Mr Derek Enright, MEP, spoke on "Europe: Quo Vadis?" at a meeting of the Politics Society of St John's College, Southsea, held last night. Mr David Clements, chairman-elect, presided and Mr Paul Jackson, chairman, also spoke.

Services tomorrow: sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Jubilate and Te Deum (Bernard Naylor), Canon Webster; HC, 11.30, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart); E, 3.15 Mag and Nunc dimittis, Stanford in B flat, A, Laudibus in Sanctis (Byrd), Rev D B Tillyer.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30 Boyce in C Let all the angels of God (Handel), Bishop of Kampala, Uganda; HC 11.40 Said; E and S, 3, Purcell in G Minor O Lord God of Hosts (Purcell), Canon Charles; Organ Recital 6.5; E 6.30, Canon Charles.
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ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist 11, Rev P Delaney.
ALL SAINTS, MARGARET STREET: LM, 8 and 5.15, HM, 11, Rev C J Somers-Edgar, Missa Omnium Sanctorum (Arthur Hutchings); Solemn Evensong 6, Rev J W Holden, Blessed City, heavenly Salem (Barstow).
ALL SOULS, Langham Place: 11 Rev R Simpson; HC 6.30, Rev M Lawson.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11; Collegium Regale (Howells), I was glad (Parry), Rev Dr A W Marks.
HOLY TRINITY, BROMPTON: HC, 8, Sung HC, 9; Rev J T C B Collins; E 6.30, Rev S Millar.
HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS, Prince Consort Road, SW7: Harvest Thanksgiving HC, 8.30; Choral Matins and Eucharist 11, A Alleluia Consitemini (John Shepherd), Canon Kingsnorth.
HOLY TRINITY, SLOANE ST (Sloane Sq tube): HC 8.30, HC 10.30 Canon Roberts HC 12.10.
ST ALBAN'S, HOLBORN: 9.30, SM; 11, HM Fr Houlding, Missa Sancti Domenici (Rubbra), My soul, there is a country (Parry); 5.30 LM.
ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (A.D. 1123): HC, 9; Choral Eucharist 11, Harris in C, A How Goodly are thy Tents (Ouseley); E.6.30, Byrd (short), A, Turn our captivity, O Lord (Byrd), The Rector.
ST JAMES'S, PICCADILLY: HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist, 11 00, EP 6.
ST MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER: Sung Eucharist and Harvest Thanksgiving 11, Canon Mansel.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion 9.45, The Vicar, Morning Service 11.15, Rev C. Hedley, 3.0 Harvest Festival, Evening Service 6.30, The Vicar.
ST MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON: HC, 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, M, 11.15, E, 6.30.
ST MARY'S, BOURNE STREET: LM, 8, 9.45, 7; HM 11, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Thou visitest the earth (Greene); E and S.B. 6.15.
ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8 and 11; Dss June Winfield, Mass in C (Beethoven); Factum est silentium (Dering); 6.30 Rev R. Salenius.
ST MICHAEL'S, CHESTER SQUARE: HC, 8.15, Harvest Thanksgiving 11, Rev A. G. C. Pearson, E, Rev E. G. H. Saunders.
ST PAUL'S, WILTON PLACE, KNIGHTSBRIDGE: HC, 8 and 9, Solemn Eucharist 11, Stanford in B Flat and F, Rev W. Hussey.
ST PAUL'S, ROBERT ADAM STREET: 11, Rev A. Kirk, 6.30 Rev J. Walden.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, CHELSEA: HC 8 and 12.15, MP 11, EP 6.30, Rev D R Clarke.
ST STEPHEN'S, GLOUCESTER ROAD: Feast of Dedication: LM 8, 9; HM 11, Purcell in C, Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe; E and B 6, Prebendary H Moore.
ST VEDAST, FOSTER LANE: SM 11, Canon Ffrench-Beytagh.

ST COLUMBA'S (CHURCH OF SCOTLAND), PONT STREET: 11, 6.30, Rev Dr J Fraser McLuskey.
CROWN COURT CHURCH (CHURCH OF SCOTLAND), RUSSELL STREET, COVENT GARDEN: HC 11.15 and 6.30.
THE ORATORY, SW7: HM 11, Missa Laetatus sum (Victoria); LM 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 4.30, 7, resp 3.30.
ST ANSELM AND CECILIA, KINGSWAY: SM, 11, Missa Mater Gratiarum (ar cell), Salve Sancte Pater (Perosi).
ST ETHELDREDA'S, ELY PLACE (HOLBORN CIRCUS): Mass (Kitson), Mass in C Minor (No 2), Gradual (Blatchly) D Domine Refugium Factus es Offertory (Franck) Paris Angelicus.
ST PATRICK'S, SOHO SQUARE: SM, 6 pm, Missa Seraphica (Hugolin Sattner), O Sanctissima anima (Lorenzo Perosi).
THE JESUIT CHURCH, FARM STREET: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (sung Latin Mass), 12, 4.15, 6.15.
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: (United reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Rev B Tetley.
ST JOHN'S WOOD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian/Congregationalist), Lord's Roundabout, NW8: 11 am Rev J Miller.
CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER: 11 and 6.30, Dr R J Tudor.
WEST LONDON MISSION, HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11, Muriel Frampton, 6.30, John Richardson.
CITY TEMPLE, HOLBORN VIADUCT: EC, 11 and 6.30, Rev R Gordon.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, BUCKINGHAM GATE: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr R T Kendall.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr M. K. Ridley to be clerk of the council and surveyor general of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Legal

The following to serve on the senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar for 1981-82: President, the Lord Justice Ackner (in continuation); Chairman of the Bar, Mr Andrew Leggatt, QC; Vice-Chairman of the Bar, Mr Richard Scott, QC; Treasurer of the Senate, Mr Adrian Hamilton, QC (in continuation).

Cloud of cosmic disfiguration

The anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima is also the Feast of the Transfiguration. Robert Jungk's book entitled *Brighter than a Thousand Suns* might, by a cynical similarity of language to that of the Gospels, be mistaken for an account of the latter event rather than the former. In the New Testament, the transfiguring of Christ on the revealing of his glory and splendour. The cloud, as always in the Old Testament theophanies and in traditional mystical writing, is the symbol of hidden glory. By contrast, the bomb hangs over us as a *symbol of cosmic disfiguration*. Its mushroom cloud is not the "cloud of unknowing" through which one penetrates the glory of God but rather *the cloud of* contamination and of the corruption of man and of creation. The festival of splendour is itself disfigured into a festival of man's potential for destroying both body and spirit.

In his poem "One Foot in Eden", Edwin Muir contrasted the state of paradisal innocence with our world in which "evil and good stand thick around". He ended his poem:

Strange blessings, never
in Paradise
Fall from these beclouded
skies.

In other words, the greater glory is revealed through the experience of, and conflict with, original and actual sin. But behind this is the belief that there is an original righteousness, an original glory of man, the *imago Dei*, which is *more deeply rooted* and more fundamental to man's being than sin is. The transfiguration recalls that original glory as the Son of Man shines with the glory of the divine. St Gregory of Nyssa goes further when he claims that by contemplation of the transfigured Christ, human beings can be transfigured too. "You alone are a similitude of Eternal Beauty: and if you look at him, you will become what he is, imitating him who shines within you."

It should also be noticed that in the Gospels transfiguration *precedes* resurrection. It is the human, incarnate Jesus, before the "glorifying" of Cross and Resurrection, who shines with splendour. Similarly, say the eastern Fathers, our transfiguration precedes our resurrection as we gaze on the shining One within us. We too can experience the transfiguring power of holiness. (One of the possible roots of the word holy is a word *meaning bright and shining.*) So St Seraphim of Sarov is said to have shone with a holiness so powerful that his disciples could not look upon him—"brighter than a thousand suns". The theme of human participation in the transfiguration of Christ is a common theme of the eastern mystical *tradition*, expressed *most* powerfully in a homily for the Feast by Anastasius of Sinai. "*May we be transfigured with him and moulded to his image*, ever becoming divine, being transformed in an ever greater degree of glory." For, he continues, "*each one of us has* God within him and is transformed into his divine image".

But is the Christian to seek a purely personal transfiguration while the social and political context in which he stands becomes daily more demonic? Does not "standing in the light" involve a necessary collision and conflict with the present darkness? In the Nazi period, Dietrich Bonhoeffer stressed that those who do not cry out for the Jews cannot chant in the Gregorian mode. Can we not say today that we cannot proclaim the glory of Christ if we do not cry out against the bomb?

Kenneth Leech

Margaret Birley, a Sotheby's representative, playing a 14-key English serpent at an early music instrument fair in London yesterday. The instrument is to be auctioned next Friday (Photograph by Barry Beattie).

Mixed day at opening Dutch sale

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Christie's new sale room in Amsterdam opened on Thursday with two sales of paintings and watercolours. There were mixed results, reflecting the current recession; a panel portrait of a young man, nowadays definitely attributed to Jan Gossaert van Mabuse, made 750,000 guilders (£158,227).

A distinguished sixteenth-century portrait is a rarity and Christie's had not hazarded a published estimate; they were suggesting a price of about 800,000 guilders.

A Solomon Ruysdael landscape which they had estimated at about 500,000 guilders was bought in at 526,000 guilders and a Jan Steen schoolroom scene for which they had suggested 350,000 guilders was bought in at 280,000 guilders.

The decorative appeal of a sixteenth-century panel depicting peasants celebrating a country fair attracted a price of 220,000 guilders (estimate 250,000, £46,413). The catalogue attributed it to Pieter Breughel the Younger but at least one dealer was unconvinced by that; Breughel's work nowadays tends to top the £100,000 mark.

In London Christie's held a sale *of fine nineteenth and twentieth-century* Continental paintings; this is a particularly depressed sector and it was not surprising that 27 *per cent of the £119,795 total was* unsold.

At Sotheby's Belgravia a mix of toys, automata and twentieth-century *curiosities brought* a total of £49,566, with 11 per cent unsold. The signature of the great Walt Disney appeared to lie behind one *bidding* battle that *took* the auctioneers by surprise; an 18in by 16in celluloid painted with a cartoon of "The Three Caballeros" made £1,000 (estimate £150-£250). It is one of the pictures that go to make up a cartoon film but was signed by Mr Disney as a gift and subsequently framed.

Challenger Korchnoi's shaky start

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

Rarely if ever has there been such a disastrous start to a world championship match for a challenger as that of Viktor Korchnoi against Anatoly Karpov in Merano on Thursday.

Korchnoi played the opening insipidly, but it is known that he makes little attempt, as a rule, to force matters early on, even when he has the white pieces.

But his play in the early middle game was planless and Karpov, with some vigorous thrusts, of which the great Siegbert Tarrasch, who was the expert in such positions, *would have* approved, gained the uppher hand.

Korchnoi's 24, P-R3, was indeed a weak move that has been *widely criticized*. Instead he should have played 24, Kt-K2, and instead of 25, Kt-K2 he should have played 25, PxP, *since the pawn structure he* obtained on the king side was quite unsound and indefensible.

With 28, Kt-R4 he set a somewhat *feeble trap*. If black takes the pawn by 28.., QxP, then white wins the queen by 29, Kt-B5 ch.

Obviously Karpov is not the sort of master to be deluded by such play and he had little difficulty in bringing about the final winning position. White resigned because the threat of 44, R-R4 ch forces him to play P-Kt4, after which 44, R-Kt7 forces mate.

First game, White Korchnoi, black Karpov, Queen's gambit declined.

1	P—QB4	P—K3
2	Kt—QB3	P—Q4
3	P—Q4	B—K2
4	Kt—B3	Kt—KB3
5	B—Kt5	P—KR3
6	B—R4	O—O
7	P—K3	P—QKt3
8	R—QB1	B—Kt2
9	B—K2	QKt—Q2
10	PxP	PxP
11	O—O	P—B4
12	PxP	PxP
13	Q—B2	R—B1
14	KR—Q1	Q—Kt3
15	Q—Kt1	KR—Q1
16	R—B2	Q—K3
17	B—Kt3	Kt—R4
18	R(B2)—Q2	KtxB
19	RPxKt	Kt—B3
20	Q—B2	P—Kt3
21	Q—R4	P—R3
22	B—Q3	K—Kt2
23	B—Kt1	Q—Kt3
24	P—R3	P—Q5
25	Kt—K2	PxP
26	PxP	P—B5
27	Kt(K2)—Q4	Q—B2
28	Kt—R4	Q—K4
29	K—R1	K—Kt1
30	Kt(Q4)—B3	QxKKt P
31	RxR ch	BxR
32	Q—Kt4	B—K5
33	BxB	KtxB
34	R—Q4	Kt—B7 ch
35	K—Kt1	Kt—Q8
36	Q—Kt7	R—Kt1
37	Q—Q7	B—B2
38	K—R1	RxP
39	RxKt	PxR
40	QxQP	Q—Q3
41	Q—K4	Q—Q6 ch
42	Kt—Kt1	Q—Q3
43	Kt(R4)—B3	R—Kt4

White resigns.

Position after 43 moves

Birthdays

James Herriot, the veterinary surgeon and writer, who is 65 tomorrow.

TODAY: Lord Bishopston, 61; Mr Justice Stephen Brown, 57; Lord Denham, 54; Mr R. W. Ellis, 52; Mr Ray Lindwall, 60; Mr Michael H. Mason, 81; Major Sir Berkeley Ormerod, 84; Lord Pitt of Hampstead, 68; Mr S. Ramphal, QC, 53; Mr G. H. Stainforth, 75; Sir John Stow, 70; Mr John Suthern, 30; Mr Gore Vidal, 56; Air Marshal Sir Harold Whittingham, 94.

TOMORROW: Mr Terence Conran, 50; Air Chief Marshal Sir Kenneth Cross, 70; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Peter Dixon, 74; Mr Basil D'Oliveira, 50; Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Drew, 74; Mr W. J. Evans, 52; Dr F. Dudley Hart, 72; Mr Charlton Heston, 57; Sir John Hogg, 69; Mr Michael Hordern, 70; Mr Frank Keating, 44; Lord Roborough, 78; the Right Rev Dr R. D. Say, 67; Mr Justice Sheldon, 68; Mr F. R. H. Swann, 77; Sir Rowland Wright, 66.

Appointments in the Forces

The Royal Navy
REAR-ADMIRAL: D R Refell to be Flag Offr Third Flotilla and Cdr Anti-Submarine Grp, 2, Mar, 1982.
CAPTAIN: A A Hensher to be Defence Attache, The Hague, Nov.
COMMANDERS: J G F Cooke to Dreadnought in Cmd, Sept 28; [illegible] McAnally to MOD with DN Plans, [illegible] 1982; N C Fleming to St [illegible] POST, April 2, 1982; M R B Hilton to Dolphin for Duty with Capt SM1, Mar 12, 1982; F M Flynn for duty with MOD (Central Staffs), Oct 19; A M Morrice for duty with CNSA for Illustrious Vida and as S10/SMETOCO on Commg, Jan 5, 1982; I K Brooks to Excellent as Supply Offr, Jan 11, 1982; R T R Phillips to Raleigh for FSL as Trng Cdr, Jan 26, 1982; M C Boyce to MOD with DN Plans, Nov 17; P C B Canter to Active in Cmd, Jan 28, 1982; L Hallett to MOD with DPR(N), Dec 8; H R Samler to MOD with DGW(N) DSWS, Feb 9, 1982; A R Hortin to MOD with Central Staffs, Jan 5, 1982; J M Kingsland to DG Ships at NGTE PYESTOCK, Dec 11; B F King to MOD(PE) with DG Ships, Dec 25; D G Littlejohns to Sceptre (SM) in Cmd, Sept 21; G Straw to Staff of CINCNAVHOME, Jan 10, 1982; T R Abram to be Chief Oceanographic Offr in SHAPE, Dec 4.
CHAPLAIN: Rev J T Beech to HQ CDO Forces, Oct 1.

The Army
COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT: Major-General A L Watson as Colonel the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), Sept 28.
BRIGADIERS: D W Bray to Mrd Prol Team Saudi Arabian Natl Guard as Team Cdr, Med Advr, Sept 18; T N McMicking to HQ NORTHAG Staff (BAE) as ACOS Ops, Oct 1.
COLONELS: J H Baker to RHQ [illegible] as Regt Lt Col, Sept 30; P R F Bonnet to HQ DRA as Col GS (RA) ARMEX, Oct 1; D R H Longfield to ARMEX as Col GS W OR, Oct 1; W H F Stevens to HQ SE Dist as TA Col (West), Oct 1; M H Turner to MOD as AAG AG8, Sept 30.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: S J Burnip PWO to Fortress HQ Gibraltar as GSO1, Sept 30; P P J Camilleri RAOC to MOD as AA & QMG, Sept 29; R J Coate D and D to 1RWF as CO, Sept 30; M J Darmody RA to HQ Catterick Garrison as AA&QMG, Oct 2; D S Douglas RADC to 5 Dent Gp as Dent Offr, Oct 1; G S Gerdes RAOC to LE(A) as GSO1 (Ops & Trg) Ord 1, Sept 4; R T Romeshaw RE to RSME as GSO1 Fd Engr Wg, Sept 28; B G Hunt RADC to 10 Dent Gp as Dent Offr, Oct 1; J N Leonard R IRISH to MOD as GSO1, Sept 25; B A Lloyd RAPC to LE(A) as SMA TPT 6B, Oct 2; J P J O'Donovan RAMC to RS RAM Coll as HPT in Surg, Oct 1; O M Roberts RRW to 3RRW(V) as CO, Sept 30; K S Robson AAC to HQ NORTHAG as Chief G3 Air, Oct 2; T T Taylor R ANGLIAN to JSB as Co, Sept 30; R T Waters WFR to Dep Prince of Wales Div as CO, Oct 2; T B Winter RCT to RMCS Shrivenham as GSO1(W) DS, Sept 28.

Retirements
MAJOR-GENERAL: P D Reid, Sept 30.
COLONELS: G A G Wortelhock, Oct 2; J S Fowles, Sept 29.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAINS (Acting air commodore): A J Leggett to MOD as DPM(AD)RAF, Oct 5; I J Harris to MOD as DNS(RAF) and Matron-in-Chief PMRAFNS, Sept 30.
WING COMMANDERS: M A P Pugh to Amman as Air Attaché, Oct 3; H D Herd to RF Gutersloh as OC Admin Wg, Sept 28.
SQUADRON LEADERS (Acting wing commander): K H Minton to RAF Lossiemouth as OC Admin Wg, Sept 28; M A Jones to 2 SU Stanbridge as OC, Sept 28; C E Upton to MOD as MOV 4, Sept 28.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev G Armstead, Rector of Toora with Welshpool and Hedley, diocese of Gippsland, Australia to be Rector of St Mark, Levenshulme, diocese of Manchester.
The Rev A E Ballard, Vicar of St James, Haslingden with St Stephen, Haslingden Grane, diocese of Blackburn to be Vicar of St Paul, Walkden, diocese of Manchester.
The Rev G Bridger, Rector of Holy Trinity, Heigham, and Rural Dean of Norwich (South) to be also Bishop of Norwich's Examining Chaplain, diocese of Norwich.
The Rev R J S Burn, Priest in charge Leebotwood with Longnor, Dorrington, Stapleton, Smethcote and Woolstaston, diocese of Hereford to be Team Rector, Melbury team ministry, diocese of Salisbury.
The Rev R Chapman, Curate of St Aidan's, Hartlepool, diocese of Durham to be Licensed to the Rural Dean of Hartlepool to work in the Hartlepool Deanery, same diocese.
The Rev J Crust, Vicar of Scotswood, diocese of Newcastle to be Vicar of Old Leake with Wrangle, diocese of Lincoln.
The Rev D Finney, Vicar of St Anne, Royton, diocese of Manchester to be Vicar of St Andrew, Dearnley, same diocese.
The Rev R E Gage, Vicar of South Mymms, diocese of St Albans to be also Priest-in-charge of Ridge, same diocese.
The Rev C J Gardner, Rector of Orton Waterville and Rural Dean of Yaxley, diocese of Ely to be also Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral.
The Rev Preb A R Gaskell, retired, to be Prebendary Emeritus, diocese of Lichfield.
The Rev A S Griggs, social and industrial adviser, Curate of Holy Trinity, Leeds, diocese of Ripon to be Vicar of Holy Trinity, Leeds.
The Venerable B C Pawley, retired to be Archdeacon Emeritus, Canterbury Cathedral.

OBITUARY

DAME FRANCES YATES

Outstanding Renaissance scholar

Dame Frances Amelia Yates, D.B.E., F.B.A., who died on September 29 at the age of 81, was an outstanding scholar of Renaissance life and thought.

She was also a highly individual and original one. This may have been due in some measure to her early life, her family and education. Since her father, James Alfred Yates, was a naval architect, the family led a peripatetic life moving from one dockyard to another. In consequence Frances had little formal schooling, and she was largely taught by herself and her intelligent and gifted family.

She was engaged, when she died, on an autobiography, which would have given us this background to her long and fruitful life. Her two elder sisters were particularly important to her: Hannah, a novelist of distinction, and Ruby, who devoted the first half of her life to educating Coloured girls in South Africa, and the second to looking after Frances.

Although she took a B.A. and M.A. in French at University College London, she grew up uninfluenced by ordinary academic traditions and was thus free from rigid boundaries separating different disciplines. Until the Second World War she worked *quite* independently, following her own bent.

The two books she published in the 1930s, *John Florio: The Life of an Italian in Shakespeare's England* and *A Study of Love's Labour's Lost*, already show some of the qualities of her later work: the ability to combine great breadth of vision with a wealth of detail, and the clear, unpretentious style, with its frequent flashes of humour and poetry. They also introduce the two great heroes to whom all her later research was directly or indirectly related: Shakespeare and Giordano Bruno.

During the Second World War she joined the Warburg Institute, where in 1956 she became Reader in the History of the Renaissance. This small band of exiled scholars, with their wonderful library, fitted perfectly the aims and methods Dame Frances had already formed on her own, and added an important new dimension: the use of the visual arts, of every kind of iconographic evidence, for the exploration of the minds and feelings of past men and women.

The Warburg also reinforced and encouraged her ability to comprehend all the aspects of an historical problem — social, political, religious, philosophical and artistic, and her willingness to take seriously now obsolete forms of thought — magic, astrology, alchemy.

The series of great studies she published, from the *French Academies* of 1947 to *Shakespeare's Last Plays* and *Astraea*, both of 1975, all display her own peculiar powers of bold, imaginative speculation, counterbalanced by a solid mass of detail and new information drawn from original sources. She had also the gift of finding fruitful, hitherto neglected subjects for research, a gift that is the basic condition of all good historical scholarship. An eminent example of this is *The Art of Memory* (1966), that rich and illuminating history of mnemonics.

Of almost equal importance was her ability to organize a huge collection of material into a clear, succinct and readable form. *The Valois Tapestries*, for example, is as exciting to read as any detective novel, and even such a massive, far-ranging work as *Giordano Bruno and the Hermetic Tradition* is a satisfying aesthetic whole. Taken altogether, this series of books constitutes a monument of solid scholarship combined with new, enlightening insights which no serious student of the Renaissance can afford to neglect and which will endure, indeed *a monumentum aere perennius* and its author *non omnis morietur.*

Dame Frances's influence on scholarship, apart from her published work, was powerful and beneficent. Several of her pupils at the Warburg are now established and respected scholars, and she was endlessly generous in giving help and encouragement to younger students, an activity that continued up to the very end of her life.

DR BOYD NEEL

Dr Boyd Neel, QC, CBE, the conductor who did so much with his own chamber orchestra to revive interest in baroque music and to introduce new works to the repertory before the war, died in Toronto on September 30, at the age of 76. For the past 30 years he lived in Canada but he never lost contact with Britain.

Louis Boyd Neel was born at Blackheath on July 19, 1905, although his family came from Jersey. Destined for the Royal Navy he went to Osborne, then Dartmouth. Soon after he was commissioned he left the Royal Navy under the "Geddes Axe", and went up to Cambridge to study medicine, qualifying in 1930.

He practised for a few years, but was soon drawn into music as a disciple of Bruno Walter. He conducted amateur orchestras after studying at the Guildhall School, then in 1932 formed his own professional group, the Boyd Neel Orchestra. Soon established as one of London's most adventurous orchestras it performed much 20th century music and uncovered lost treasures from the past, not least such 19th century masterpieces as Dvorak's Serenade.

In addition, the works of Bach and Handel were heard for the first time in the modern era with forces akin to those intended. Also, in 1934, he was asked by John Christie to give two private performances to test the acoustics at Glyndebourne, which was about to open its doors.

Then in 1937 came an invitation from Salzburg to introduce a new British work. Britten obliged in six weeks with his *Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge*. Although the orchestra continued to function during the Second World War, Boyd Neel returned to medicine and devoted his skills to the development of artificial limbs.

Immediately after the war, he worked for a couple of years quite intensively in the opera house, both with the D'Oyly Carte company and at Sadler's Wells, while his orchestra furthered its international reputation. It was while on a tour of North America that in 1952 he was offered the post of Dean at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, which he accepted.

A few years later he formed the Hart House Orchestra of Toronto which achieved the same high standards as his British group. He visited the Aldeburgh Festival with it in 1966.

As an interpreter, Boyd Neel was noted for the balance he achieved between accuracy and sensitivity. That much is shown by his records of Handel's *Op. 6 Concertos*, which have held their place in the catalogue for almost 30 years.

He was made CBE in 1953, and an Officer of the Order of Canada 20 years later. He was unmarried.

SIR GRAHAM PAGE

Sir Graham Page, who was Conservative MP for Crosby, Merseyside, for nearly 30 years, died in London on October 1 following a heart attack. He was 70, and was expected to retire at the next general election.

Between June and October, 1970, he was Minister of State for Housing and Local Government, and from 1970 to 1974 Minister for Local Government and Development within the Department of the Environment. A softly spoken, self-effacing solicitor with a reputation for patience and thoroughness, Page had these qualities tested to the full when in 1971 he was put in charge of the Local Government Bill, setting up 44 new counties. With 250 clauses and 30 schedules it had a long, gruelling passage through Parliament.

Rodney Graham Page was born on June 30, 1911, the son of Lieutenant-Colonel Frank Page, DSO and bar, and Margaret Payne Farley. He was educated at Magdalen College School, Oxford, and London University, where he obtained a bachelor of laws degree. He became a solicitor in 1934. During the Second World War he served with the RAFVR, attaining the rank of flight lieutenant.

He contested Islington, North, in 1950 and 1951 and was returned for Crosby at a by-election in 1953. He was widely respected as a man of integrity and understanding to whom no constituent ever applied for help in vain, and at the last general election he had a majority of over 19,000 votes.

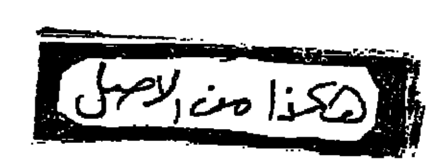
In his parliamentary career he promoted a series of private members' Bills, and nearly one million people in the north-west of England signed letters in support of his Bill in 1977 for the restoration of corporal punishment for hooligans convicted of causing bodily harm to people or malicious damage to property. The Bill did not become law. Other Bills were on varied subjects such as wages, pawnbrokers, road safety and sweepstakes.

In December, 1977, he persuaded the Labour government to accept his motion that it should ensure a reasonable increase in the remuneration of Servicemen and Servicewomen and a substantial improvement in their conditions of service.

Page was chairman of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments from 1964 to 1970, and again from 1974. He was also, from 1979, chairman of the all-party Home Affairs Committee of the House of Commons.

Page was made MBE in 1944, became a Privy Councillor in 1972 and was knighted in 1980. He was a Privy Council appeal agent. He had been a director of civil engineering and property companies, and was formerly a governor of St Thomas's Hospital, London, and treasurer of the Pedestrians' Association for Road Safety.

He is survived by his wife Hilda, whom he married in 1934, and by a son and a daughter.



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IMF chief reasserts fight on inflation

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Oct 2

The managing director of the International Monetary Fund, Mr Jacques de Larosière, warned nations today not to ease money and fiscal policy efforts to fight inflation. He asserted that "premature relaxation of fiscal and monetary policies would have serious consequences for growth and employment ranging over a number of years".

On the final day of this year's annual meeting of the IMF and the World Bank, he acknowledged that there was great concern about high interest rates and the clearly unsatisfactory state of the world economy. progress was being made to improve the balance



Mr Jacques de Larosière: warning on inflation fight

of payments situation, but "we are still at an early stage and greater efforts must be made".

Mr de Larosière stressed that numerous finance ministers here had suggested that there might be too much reliance by countries on monetary policy, rather than fiscal policy, in fighting inflation. He left the clear impression that *he would like to see greater efforts at budget cutting.*

He told a press conference that free trade was a major theme of the annual meeting and there was acute concern about growing protectionism. He bluntly asserted that to yield to protectionist pressures would be "disastrous".

The IMF chief also said it was absolutely urgent that a greater volume of official aid flow to the poorest nations. Agreements had been reached that would enable the IMF to move ahead soon with an interest rate subsidy plan for the poorest countries.

Mr de Larosière said negotiations had been taking place for some time between the IMF and India and that fund staff would soon make proposals for a loan to India to the IMF board. It is rumored that the Indians are seeking a *loan of a record $5,800m* (£3,169m).

He said that the IMF attended a meeting recently of the official creditors to Poland. However, he said the IMF only acted as an observer at the meeting and there had been no request from Poland to become an IMF member.

Reserves hit by Bank support for sterling

By Melvyn Westlake

The Bank of England has been digging deeply into the nation's reserves of gold and foreign currencies in an effort to arrest the pound's slide in the world money markets.

As well as permitting British interest rates to rise 4 percentage points in two weeks—to deter money from flowing out of London—the Bank spent well over $600m-worth of reserves last month in buying back pounds.

However, sterling resumed its fall yesterday amid uncertainty in the markets on whether interest rates had yet reached their peak. The pound even lost ground against the dollar, which was *in broad retreat in most* other major financial centres. At the close of trading in London the pound stood at $1.8190, down 1¼ cents. Its index against a basket of currencies ended at 87.3, down 1.2.

Figures published by the Treasury yesterday show a fall of $815m (£450m) in Britain's official reserves. They now stand at $23,696m (£13,088m). After allowing for various borrowings and debt repayments, the underlying drop in the reserves was $677m—the biggest fall since April 1978, and the second largest drop since the sterling crisis of 1976. The Treasury never admits how much of the change in reserves represents direct Bank of England intervention in the currency markets, but most of the drop last month is thought to reflect such action.

In spite of the size of this *intervention last month,* the authorities continue to insist that it represents no more than smoothing operations aimed at "moderating excessive fluctuations and preserving orderly markets." The Government now acknowledges that it is not indifferent to the level of sterling, but maintains that it still has no exchange rate target.

When the Bank of England intervenes to halt a slide in the exchange rate, it sells dollars or some other foreign currency from the reserves and buys pounds. In this way it increases the demand for, and reduces the supply of, sterling.

Although the latest drop in the foreign reserves is the biggest for nearly 3½ years, it was *only about a third as big as the* fall on that occasion.

The Bank of England does not appear to have intervened significantly yesterday, but the French central bank was reported to have been propping up the franc for much of the day. Like Sterling, the French currency has been under some pressure recently. Speculation continued to mount yesterday about a realignment of the European Monetary System, which encompasses all the EEC currencies except those of Britain and Greece. One market dealer said that "we have seen rumours for some weeks about an impending realignment of the EMS, but the rumours are now stronger than ever".

In Bonn a West German Government official denied yesterday that the Deutsche mark was about to be revalued upwards against the French franc Bel*gian franc and Italian lira.* The spokesman, who did not want to be named, said the EMS would not be realigned over the weekend. Most market dealers believe that if a realignment does take place in the next few weeks, it will involve some upwards adjustment in the mark and a downward adjustment in the French, Belgian and Italian currencies.

It was noted that Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of Germany was scheduled to meet President Mitterrand during the coming week. The mark remained firmly at the top of the EMS yesterday dragging up other European currencies against the dollar. The United States currency fell 315 points *against the mark, to close at* 2.2920.

The uncertainty in the London money markets on whether interest rates had yet peaked was apparent in the discount houses' tender for the weekly offering of 3-month Treasury bills. Reflecting the considerable caution of bidders, the average rate of discount was pushed up from 15.12 to 15.98 per cent.

Market sentiment is extremely volatile at the moment. Although some good news, particularly on dollar interest rates, would help to soothe nerves, there is a lingering fear that dollar interest rates could come under renewed upward pressure in the coming weeks in the face of heavy funding by the United States Government.

If that were the case, it could be that British interest rates might yet be pushed towards *the 17-18 per cent level,* albeit temporarily.

Freer state funding sought

By Peter Hill, Industrial Editor

Outline proposals which would enable state industries to raise cash from the private sector to support big capital investment schemes have been prepared.

The working party's report will be considered at Monday's meeting of the National Economic Development Council which will be chaired by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

This latest report is bound to lead to renewed pressure on the Cabinet to agree to modify the existing strict regime of controls on state industry finances which the nationalized industries—supported by the TUC and the Confederation of British Industry—claim are stifling capital spending projects which would benefit supplying industries, employment and the state corporations.

It is seen as a particularly *significant* contribution to the continuing debate on the funding of state industries since the working party—established earlier this year under the aegis of the NEDC—has been chaired by Mr William Ryrie, a Permanent Secretary at the Treasury.

The CBI, TUC and the Nationalized Industries Chairmen's Group, who were all represented on the working *party, believe that the report* represents a positive step forward although the Government's response to the ideas which it outlines will be critical.

In a key passage, the working party has recommended that nationalized industries and government departments should be "actively encouraged" to explore possibilities for identifying schemes which satisfied conditions the working party has proposed and that progress should be reviewed by the middle of next year.

Possible schemes which have been considered include the financing of a specific project or state industry operation through a joint venture with private sector supporters, and securing finance for a state industry as a whole through direct borrowing in its own name with a return related to *the corporation's performance.*

The working party was set up in June this year amid growing concern that some big planned investment projects were being postponed or cancelled as a result of the government's strict application of External Financing Limits and a widespread belief that access to private sector funds for these projects would generate much needed work for recession-hit industries.



The wealthy women of Wichita who financed a trip to London on the proceeds of stock market investment. Centre: Mrs Norma Greever.

Wichita's Wall St winners wing in

Mrs Norma Greever and 11 friends have just visited London —courtesy of Wall Street.

Four years ago Mrs Greever of Wichita, Kansas, suggested starting an investment club. Twenty of her friends—average age about 50—put $20 (£10) of the grocery money per month into stocks and shares and before they left each received a cheque for $1,200, representing a 55 per cent return on their investment.

Mrs Greever said: "We bought low and sold high, some of them when the Dow Jones index was past 1,000. People think we've been real smart but we haven't really. We made a lot of mistakes. I can't remember the names right now, but most of our money was made on local stocks."

The club started when Mrs Greever took over the family finances after her first husband died. "I had no idea how to invest but I got some help from my brother who is a stockbroker in America.

"After a year I came to London with my mother and liked it so much we said we would make enough money to come and have lunch in London. And that's what we've done.

"All I knew about money was how to spend it. Now when I go shopping I think: 'do I really want that, or would I prefer 100 shares in such and such.'

"But I think investment is about patience — you never make money on hot tips, well hardly ever."

Asprey to make shares more marketable

By Philip Robinson

Mr John Asprey is bringing his exclusive New Bond Street store which has borne the family name since 1708 out of the Stock Exchange's twilight world of 163(2) into the glare of the Unlisted Securities Market.

For tax reasons and cost, the company—where Sears owns 20 per cent—will not go for a full quote but bending to pressure from small shareholders who have indicated they would like to sell, he says the proposal will make the shares more marketable.

The USM debut is being made via a *bonus issue of four ordinary* 25p shares for every one already held, and an issue of four new 9¾ per cent £1 preference shares for every ordinary share now held.

The new shares will not rank for the final gross 142.85p dividend being paid for the year to last March and giving a total payout for those 12 months of 250p.

Those are being paid on pre*tax profits up 105 per cent to* £4.1m on sales ahead 46 per cent to £20.1m.

Despite a full year of the Algernon Asprey group, the contribution to turnover and profits has been small. More than half the pre-tax profits and 38 per cent of the turnover has been made by the group's antique furnisher R & D Lucas and its Swiss company, Asprey SA Geneva, which services most of its continental customers.

Last May, Asprey was under threat of a takeover by Dunhill, backed by South African businessman Dr Anton Rupert and Shaikh Al-Tajir, which was sparked when two members of the Asprey family wanted to sell. Asprey's merchant bankers, Morgan Grenfell put a package together to stop the deal at £35 a share and as a result Sears took its stake.

Mr John Asprey said yesterday that peace had returned and Sears had been very helpful over the current reconstruction which will dilute neither the holding of the Mappin & Webb and Garrards owners nor the family's own controlling 50.4 per cent stake.

Although the future prospects are difficult to predict, Asprey will continue to prosper and its dividends for the current year should not be less than those just announced, he added.

The group has around £5m cash, and assets have been revalued at £45.55 a share. Mr Asprey's 80-year-old father Eric is currently travelling to Hongkong to open the store where the Shui Hing company will start selling Asprey product in nine days' time.

Next year, the Asprey gilt will hand over New York's Fifth Avenue in the Trump Tower Building, with Tiffanys as near neighbours, renting the 1,450 square feet at $190,000 (£100,000) a year.

Dealings are expected to start on the USM on October 29.

City expects bid for Arbuthnot Latham

Arbuthnot Latham Holdings, the merchant bankers and *member of the City's exclusive* Accepting Houses Committee, called a halt to its share dealings yesterday amid speculation that the long-rumoured takeover bid had arrived.

At the suspension price of 305p, Arbuthnot has a stock market price tag of £22.7m. On Thursday night the shares closed 2p lower at 280p, but they spurted 25p in early trading yesterday before dealings stopped.

Three months ago, when bid talks were first rumoured, the group's shares hit a peak for the year at 355p.

But a month later the shares dropped sharply and takeover talk subsided when Arbuthnot suspended Sir Trevor Dawson and Mr Michael Barrett from running its £51m unit trust offshoot. The suspension was in connexion with action taken a week earlier by the Stock Exchange Council to suspend Manchester stockbrokers, Halliday, Simpson pending an investigation into its business conduct. Sir Trevor and Mr Barrett resigned from the bank and its subsidiaries in mid-August.

In recent weeks, speculation on a bid has re-emerged on the lines that Ansbacher is taking a back seat and a deal is being put together by London Trust which involves Britannia Arrow and the Belgian bank, Lambert.

Phillips sues over loss of Kielland rig

Phillips Petroleum, the operator of the Norwegian Ekofisk field, is suing Forex Neptune and CFEM, the French designer and builder of the Alexander Kielland oil rig, for financial compensation over the loss of the rig in March 1980.

Last night a spokesman for Phillips confirmed that the company is suing, but refused to name a figure. According to a news report on Norwegian television however, the figure is above 100 million Norwegian krona (£10 million).

The company is seeking compensation to cover the cost of the production halt at Ekofisk caused by the catastrophe. Towing the rig to Stavanger and financial compensation which Phillips has paid to the survivors and the families of the 123 men who died. By seeking compensation Phillips is making the two French companies responsible for the incident which was confirmed by a spokesman for Phillips on Norwegian television last night.

If the legal action now taken by Phillips is successful, it is also bound to affect other rigs of the same construction. Ten sister oil rigs have been built.

Exxon to assess Rundle

From Michael Prest, Houston, Oct 2

Exxon is to begin a $50m *(£27m) assessment of the* Rundle oil shale deposit in Australia next January, company scientists said yesterday.

The company will also start construction of its Rotterdam pilot coal liquefaction plant next year. Production is likely to start in late 1985.

The Rundle project, if operating at full volume, would *produce up to 250,000 barrels* of oil a day but on present showing the project is unlikely to be operating before 1988, when Exxon expects to decide whether its Rotterdam liquefaction pilot plant has been sufficiently successful to proceed to a full commercial operation.

UK's most strategic metals named

By Clive Cookson

The eight most "strategic" metals for the United Kingdom have been identified by the Materials Forum.

Britain should give "the highest priority" to these metals — chromium, cobalt, tungsten, manganese, vanadium, molybdenum, niobium and platinum — because they are all very vulnerable to disruption of supplies and are critical for industry, according to the forum's report "Strategic Metals and the United Kingdom".

The forum is sponsored by six professional associations concerned with the production and use of materials, including the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy and the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. Its technical committee agreed unanimously on the eight metals, chosen on the combined grounds of "vulnerability" and "criticality".

The vulnerability stems from the fact that *Britain is* dependent on imports from unreliable sources. Only tungsten offers even a chance of an indigenous supply, if reserves in south west England can be exploited. The ores of several of the metals come mainly from South Africa, and, as the report says, "many authorities are worried about the continued stability of that country in view of the apartheid problem". The Soviet Union is also a major source of some of them.

South Africa and neighbouring Zimbabwe hold 97 per cent of known reserves of chromium. South Africa and the Soviet Union between them account for 80 per cent of all manganese reserves, 92 per cent of vanadium and 98 per cent of the platinum group metals.

In the case of molybdenum, a *vital ingredient of some* high-performance steel alloys, and niobium, another irreplaceable alloying element, the vulnerable sources of supply are in South America. Two-thirds of the world's demand for niobium is met by one mining company in Brazil, which could be shut down by industrial action.

The Materials Forum says that, to a limited extent, another metal could be substi*tuted for one of the strategic* eight if its supplies were cut off—at some sacrifice in quality and price.

The report, which is available at £6 through the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, does not suggest any solutions to the uncertainties surrounding the eight strategic metals.

Stock Markets

FT Index 476.3 up 1.3
FT Gilts 60.60 down 0.06

Sterling

$ 1.8190 up 1¼ cents
Index 87.3 down 1.2
New York: $1.8260

Dollar

Index 108.4 down 0.9
DM 2.2920 down 315 pts

Gold

$ 435.75 up $0.75
New York: $436.80

Money

3 mth sterling 17⅛-16⅜
3 mth Euro $ 17¾-17⅞
6 mth Euro $ 17¾-18⅛

PRICE CHANGES

Rises

Akroyd & Sm	16p to 166p
Avon Rubber	10p to 108p
Caffyns	14p to 124p
D Dixon	12p to 96p
Haslemere Ests	16p to 370p
Lynton Hdgs	16p to 220p
Lasmo	20p to 434p
McLeod Russel	20p to 270p
Ranger Oil	45p to 510p
Royal Worcs	15p to 185p
Standard Tel	25p to 424p
Utd Scientific	23p to 440p

Falls

BAT Inds	6p to 350p
Grattan	4p to 86p
Guthrie Corp	12p to 850p
Hoover	4p to 93p
Jardine M'son	7p to 122p
P Lane	2p to 47p
Pretoria Cem	10p to 355p
Mercantile Hse	5p to 355p
Plaxtons	5p to 108p
Rosebaugh	5p to 240p
Thorn EMI	5p to 415p
Wh'lock Marden	3p to 48p

Telecom orders

BICC has received substantial further orders for optical fibre cables on British Telecom trunk and junction routes.

These orders bring the British Telecom business won by BICC over the past three months to more than 40 per cent of the total awarded, including the important trunk route between London and Birmingham.

Warren resists

Warren Plantation Holdings yesterday took the usual step of writing to shareholders before issuing a defence document in an attempt to prevent them selling their shares to McLeod Russel, the tea plantations group which bid for Warren on Wednesday.

Mr Oliver Dawson, chairman, said the letter had been sent because of the danger that McLeod might acquire control within the next few days. Warren says the £22.6m bid is too low, goes against the spirit of the takeover code and would involve an asset strip. McLeod holds a 14.67 per cent stake.

Warren's shares closed last night at 220p. McLeod's offer is 165p cash a share, plus 50p nominal of convertible preference share.

Boeing to pay back £1.8m

Boeing has agreed to pay the Spanish airline Iberia $3.3m (£1.8m) to settle a pending lawsuit in Washington which charges Boeing with inflating the price of aircraft sold to Iberia by $3.3m "to conceal commissions paid to its sales agents in Spain".

BIM raising subscription fee

The British Institute of Man*agement is raising its subscrip*tion rates from next April after a 10 per cent increase this year. Athough individual membership of the organization has risen to 72,000, the number of "collective subscribers", mainly small and medium-sized companies, has declined. Mr Roy Close, the BIM's director general, said rising costs, especially rates, will lead to about one-third of the organiza*tion's 160 headquarters staff* being moved out of London to new premises.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

ICL moves market trio

Three senior ICL executives, in charge of the computer company's marketing operations, are leaving in new man*agement changes,* it was announced yesterday.

Mr Peter Ellis (right), deputy managing director, who has been responsible for ICL's worldwide marketing for nine out of the past 11 years, hands over this weekend to Mr Peter Bonfield.

Mr Bonfield, who will be director, marketing operations, will also take Mr Ellis's seat on the ICL main board.

The director of ICL's United Kingdom sales division, Mr Peter Aylett, will be leaving that post "in the next few weeks", according to yesterday's announcement.





The third marketing director being *replaced* is Mr Les Cole, who is responsible for ICL's major countries division. He will retire next month after 35 years' service.

Busy time for oil searchers

Oil exploration activity in the *North Sea this summer* has been at its highest level since 1978, thanks largely to the worldwide impact of President Reagan's "master plan" for energy, according to a report by the London brokers, Eggar Forrester Offshore.

However, it adds, three major developments in the North Sea have been delayed because of review of taxation structures and the introduction of supplementary petroleum duty.

IBM changes

International Business Machines has announced changes in its American operations. Marketing and service operations will be placed together in a *single group, and the manu*facturing and development divisions will be combined.

Money supply falls in US

United States' money supply *M1-B fell to a seasonally* adjusted average of $431,700m in the week ended September 23 from $433,600m the previous week.

For the latest four weeks M1-B averaged $432,500m—a rate of gain of 3.5 per cent from 13 weeks before.

Canadian trade surplus rises

Canada had a seasonally adjusted trade surplus of Can$363m (£163.9m) in August compared with a revised July surplus of Can $346m (£156.2m).

August was the 16th consecutive month that Canada's exports exceeded its imports. August exports totalled Can$ 6,960m, down 1.1 per cent on July. Imports totalled Can$ 6,600m, down 1.4 per cent.

Japan plans expansion

Japan has announced a programme to quicken its economic recovery by expanding public sector works and by easing trade friction with other industrial countries. It includes increased imports as well as industrial and technological co-operation with western Europe.

In contrast to the monetarist policies of Britain and the United States, Japan is placing great emphasis on the public sector to help economic expansion. A government spokesman said efforts would be made to speed up public works contracts.

£24m BASF video project

BASF, the West German chemical group, will invest DM100m (£24.096m) to expand its production facilities for video cassettes. The project will create 700 new jobs in two locations.

BASF said the funds will be used to expand production of video tape at its plant in Kehl Am Rhein, as well as to build a new injection moulding plant for plastic cassette parts on a site in Ettenheim.

CBI campaigns on surcharge

Employers are to campaign for cuts in the National Insurance surcharge which, they claim, could generate 200,000 jobs, boost exports and improve profitability.

The Confederation of British Industry is launching the campaign in the wake of the latest round of interest rate increases which will add an estimated £1,000m to industry's costs.

□ Texaco has lowered the wholesale price of petrol in most of the United States by 0.7 to one cent a gallon.

8m jobless in America

Unemployment in the United States rose sharply in September for the second successive month. Total unemployment rose by 309,000 to almost eight million in September, the Labour Department said in Washington.

This brought the unemployment rate to a seasonally adjusted 7.5 per cent of the workforce, up from 7.2 per cent in August and seven per cent in July. In May, 7.6 per cent of the workforce was unemployed.

News jobs lost

The Kent Messenger newspaper group is to make 150 workers redundant. It is also to *close its two subsidiary com*panies, Air Messenger and Paper Bed, "as soon as possible".

The first 90 redundancies across the board are expected at the end of next month, the rest in March. The group employs about 850 people.

Workforce cut

Sir Joseph Causton & Sons (Eastleigh), a subsidiary of Sir Joseph Causton & Sons Ltd, is to negotiate "a substantial reduction" in the workforce at its Brookwood Avenue, Eastleigh, Hampshire, factory.

LESS BEER

Beer production in August, despite good weather in many parts of *Britain*, stayed at the lowest levels seen since 1972. It looks increasingly likely that beer production this year will be between 5 per cent and 7 per cent down. Last year's drop was 3.8 per cent.

□ Expenditure by the French Government exceeded revenue by 94,020m francs (£9,200m) in the first eight months of this year, compared with a shortfall of 39,910m francs in the same period last year.

Interest rates

Tough for borrowers, but if you have cash . . .

Interest rates soared this week, taking the cost of bank mortgages, overdrafts and credit cards with them. Next week the building societies will meet to try to agree on their own rates. Margaret Drummond discusses what borrowers and savers can expect.

Fasten your wallets, tighten your belts, and, if you have any money left, put it out for the highest return you can find.

This time the rise in bank base rates has hit home-buyers. When the rates went up just over two weeks ago the clearing banks, with the exception of the Midland, maintained their mortgage rates, perhaps waiting to see what the building societies would do.

With the latest 2 per cent increase in base rates, and more competition from the National Savings Investment Account, which goes up to 14½ per cent from November 1, it is now a question of by how much, rather than if, the building societies mortgage rate will go up next week — and if they will all move together. So this time the clearers have had no qualms about putting up their mortgage rates.

But the clearers have by no means acted as one on mortgages. Barclays and National Westminster have raised their home loan rates by 1½ per cent — to 15½ per cent and 15 per cent respectively. Lloyds is sitting tight for the moment. Midland, the only clearer which pegs its mortgage rate to base rate, is now charging new customers as much as 18 per cent. But existing customers can comfort themselves with the knowledge that their payments will be held at the same rate for two years.

COSTS FOR BORROWERS	
Mortgages	%
Lloyds	14*
Midland	18
Barclays	15½
National Westminster	15
Building Society	13
Personal Overdraft	19-21
Barclaycard	30.6
Access	30.6

*Unchanged

The Building Societies Association meets next Friday to decide on the mortgage rate. The result is expected to be a rise from 13 per cent to at least 15 per cent on a standard mortgage, with the possibility that the extra interest penalty for mortgages of over £15,000 might now be abandoned. This would be some compensation for high borrowers.

Each 1 per cent rise in the mortgage rate adds about £7.50 a month to a 25-year £10,000 mortgage. So a jump from 13 to 15 per cent will increase the cost from £113.70 to £129 a month.

Barclaycard and Access have announced a rise in their monthly interest rate from 2 per cent to 2.25 per cent — a true annual rate of 30.6 per cent.

But enough of the gloom. On the other side of the balance sheet savers are doing well. Clearing bank seven-day deposit accounts jumped three percentage points to 14.5 per cent. (Lloyds is the odd man out at 14 per cent).

RETURNS FOR SAVERS	Minimum Deposit	Term	Rate
	£		%
Nat West Investment account	2,500	3 months	14¾
		6 months	15¼
Lloyds fixed term deposit	5,000	3 months	14⅞
		6 months	15½
Midland Capital Investment account	2,000	3 months	13½
		6 months	13½
Barclays Investment account	5,000	1 month	15
		3 months	15¼
		6 months	15
Clearing banks' 7-day deposit account			14½ (Lloyds 14)
Building Society ordinary shares	—	—	8½ (12.14 gross)
Short notice accounts	varies	6 months	9¼ (13.2 gross)
Tyndall Money Fund	2,500	7 days	15
Simco seven day fund	1,000	7 days	15
National Savings Investment Account	—	—	13*

*14½ per cent from November 1

With the exception of the Midland, the banks' higher rate savings accounts have, as the table shows, moved up in line.

The feeling is that the building societies will now have to raise their rate to investors from the present 8.5 per cent tax paid, to at least 10 per cent to compete with the banks. A jump to 10 per cent would give and equivalent gross yield of 14.3 per cent — still below the levels of the clearing banks' seven day deposit accounts — in three out of four cases, at any rate.

The money funds, Simco and Tyndall, are meanwhile still popular with savers. With the latest upward twist in interest rates the return on the money funds should rise to 15½ per cent by the end of next week.

Investors brave enough to take a view on currency as well as interest rates may be interested in the new Simco dollar fund, launched this week. Though it is designed mainly for corporate treasurers, smaller savers can place a minimum of £1,000 with it, if they go through a bank or a professional agent. The current rate of the Simco Dollar fund is 15½ per cent.



Tempting higher rate taxpayers into a new business start-up scheme — left to right: directors Mr Gordon Dean, Mr Michael Stoddart and Mr Michael Walton.

ERIC ventures out

You might think it would be easier to raise The Titanic than money for a new venture capital fund at the moment. But this week sees the long-awaited launch of Electra House Investment Trust's business start-up vehicle, Electra Risk Capital or ERIC. It has had numerous false starts, and one spectacular bellyflop, earlier this year. But the resuscitated version looks like one of the more solid contenders in the great venture capital game.

It already has under its belt some £5m of funds committed, but will take in up to £15m if it gets enough applications.

In essence ERIC's structure is the same as that of the Basildon Fund, discussed here last week.

"It is for the sophisticated investor", says Mr Michael Stoddart, of Electra. For "sophisticated" read high taxpaying, with money to lose, or at least to forget about, for the next few years.

ERIC is issuing Mastershares at £2,500 each. The money will be invested in the shares of new ventures or fairly new companies. The investor will actually own the underlying shares, and he will obtain the very generous tax incentives available under the Government's Business Start Up Scheme. His investment will be offset at his highest rate of tax — up to a maximum of £10,000 a year. So the net cost to a 75 per cent taxpayer of one ERIC Mastershare is £625.

If he disposes of his shares within five years, however, the tax game is up. The relief will be clawed back. As we said last week, these venture capital funds are not the place for your redundancy money (why not start up on your own and go and ask ERIC for some?) nor for widows and orphans.

One important differance between ERIC and the Basildon fund, however, is that Electra will buy back the Mastershares, at 90 per cent of the latest valuation. Another difference is that Electra is not committed to putting all the cash into the market in the current tax year. Mr Stoddart says: "We are not going to rush in all at once. We are prepared to wait until 1983 to be fully invested."

Fine. But investors who are rushing in now should be aware that until their money is put into actual companies, they will not get their tax relief.

The crucial point with these venture capital funds is the ability of the people running them to pick the winners among the scores of companies, or even just ideas, that are presented to them. The bull point for ERIC must be that Electra House is experienced in the ways and pitfalls of the unquoted sector. Electra Investment Trust has just under half its £133m portfolio in unquoted shares at the moment.

Margaret Drummond

A good four-year buy

A new building society linked-life insurance plan has been launched this week by the Midshires Building Society in conjunction with Sun Life.

Investors who mourn the death of the guaranteed income bond in its most tax efficient form could well look at the possibilities of this, and other linked building society savings plans.

Monthly payments under one of these plans attract tax relief at 15 per cent. Although they are marketed as 10-year qualifying policies the plan can be cashed in after four years and a day with no tax clawback.

Because the tax relief element is not compounded over the years the returns over four years are better than over the full 10-year period.

The new Sun Life Midshires scheme, for instance, offers basic rate taxpayers a return over 10 years equivalent to 15.4 per cent a year. But cashed in after four years the return would be 16.5 per cent gross, 11.55 per cent net.

The linked savings plans are particularly good for higher rate taxpayers. The scheme, on present returns, offers the 75 per cent taxpayer 10.75 a year tax free over 10 years.

The Sun Life Midshires plan is available to anyone from 13 to 60. Monthly premiums can be from £20 to £200. Midshires will give preferential treatment for mortgage advances after 12 months premiums.

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Launching on a fall

The timing of a unit trust launch is often more luck than judgment. It takes around six months, on average, to get a new unit trust on the road. By the time a good idea takes flesh markets may have changed and share prices moved dramatically up or down.

This week sees the launch of the Schroder Singapore & Malaysia Fund. While the timing may not be propitious from the sales point of view — the violent ups and downs of overseas and domestic stockmarkets over the last fortnight must have worried many customers — the fund is being launched after a heavy fall in the Singapore and Malaysia market.

Since the end of June the *Straits Times* Index has fallen by over a third and Schroders believe that this represents a good opportunity for the United Kingdom investor who wants to buy abroad.

Units are 49.5p each. The minimun investment is £500.

Converting Investors to US bonds

This week is not, perhaps, the best moment to introduce investors to anything remotely unfamiliar but Target fund managers have taken the plunge and done just that. Its new United States Special Bond Fund is the first United Kingdom unit trust of its kind. But in these markets that may be the kind of recommendation that goes down like a lead balloon with investors.

None the less Target has made a brave move introducing it now and it does offer the unitholder a different kind of investment in Britain than is at present provided by conventional unit trusts. Only time will tell whether it is just an interesting marketing gimmick or a worthwhile product.

The new fund will be chiefly invested in United States convertibles, a familiar enough form of security to United Kingdom investors.

But the remaining 20 per cent will go into recovery bonds — non-convertible high yielding bonds in high risk companies.

The main aim of the fund is to give the investor a mixture of income and capital growth. Present yields on the large range of equity-based United States unit trusts are between 1 per cent and 3 per cent.

The starting yield for the United States Special Bond Fund is 7 per cent — after the deduction of a swingeing 52 per cent corporation tax charge. The capital growth will come from the convertibles if and when Wall Street improves — and from the "junk bonds" if and when they recover.

But investors should be aware that the United States convertibles market is somewhat livelier than its United Kingdom equivalent, though the fund remains an act of faith in lower American interest rates and a recovery in the stockmarkets.

The United States Special Bond Fund units are offered at 25p each. Minimum investment is £500.

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Self-employed pensions

Another 'loanback'

In spite of the moaning in parts of the insurance industry about "loanback" schemes as part of pension plans for the self-employed ("We only have them to keep up with the competition") loanbacks march relentlessly on.

Scottish Life is the latest company to introduce one. Its loanback arrangement is in the form of a guaranteed loan against property through a finance company, Security Pacific Finance. It keeps the loan facility separate from the pension plan.

For someone who has just started a self-employed pension plan the Scottish Life loanback scheme offers rather more in the way of borrowing than does some of the competition. Most schemes are linked to the amount of contributions in the pension plan. But the Scottish Life loanback scheme is restricted to 30 per cent of the projected assumed cash fund at retirement.

This is not, of course, such good news for those who have been in a self-employed pension plan for some years and who would like to borrow against their contributions. The principle underlying the Scottish Life scheme is, however, a sound enough one: 30 per cent is the maximum that the self-employed pensioner can obtain in a commuted lump sum on retirement.

Traded options

Tax issue resolved

An assurance by the Inland Revenue this week that investment and unit trusts can trade in options without risking their tax exempt status has given the traded options lobby the latest in a long line of concessions sought ever since the market started up in April, 1978.

After a shaky start the market is now a vigorous one and the latest assurance from the Revenue should give even more body to trading. Until now investment trusts have been particularly hesitant to trade in options in case the Revenue regarded them as traders rather than investors and charged capital gains and corporation tax on the proceeds.

Investment and unit trusts became fully exempt from capital gains tax on their investments only in the 1980 Finance Act — the Act that bypassed the "wasting asset" problem of options that had previously turned real losses into hypothetical gains, and made them taxable.

Though this change, and the timely introduction of "put options" this May, have turned a rather weakly market into a healthy one, the knowledge that a large body of money was still kept away by further tax fears prompted the Stock Exchange to settle all doubts by approaching the Revenue for a ruling.

Catherine Gunn

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FINANCIAL NEWS

A do it yourself covenant kit

The start of the university year should concentrate parents' minds on how they are going to finance their offspring through three, or perhaps four, years of higher education.

Of the 100,000 students beginning their university careers now, only 30,000 will receive a full grant. The other 70,000 will have to be partially supported by their parents.

Parents can save up to £400 a year a child if they can take the time, trouble and very little expense to arrange a covenant. But many end up in difficulties when they actually try to do it.

One reader found his forms whistling back and forth from the tax inspector because, it emerged, he had forgotten to affix the required red seal.

Another made out his own deed of covenant after reading the law on the subject, only to have his document rejected by the Inland Revenue. Others seem to be in the dark as to what they can or cannot do with covenants.

Typical is a letter, received this week, from a reader who wanted to know whether there was *any* limit on the number of deeds that could be made out between the same two people. As his sons had progressed through university, and one had left, he wants to increase the amount covenanted to the one that remains. The answer is that there is no limit. A new deed could be made out to suit the circumstances.

£100 A YEAR GROSS BY DEED OF COVENANT TO A CHILD	£	£
Convenantor agrees to pay	100.00	
Basic rate tax deducted at	30.00	
Amount paid to child		70.00
Tax reclaimed by child at 30%		30.00
Total net benefit to child		100.00

Another big worry is about keeping up a covenant for seven years. But that is not so. Provided both donor and recipient are in agreement, a covenant can be terminated at any time with no loss of tax concessions. The only requirement is that the covenant should be capable of being kept up for over six years.

If you want to make out a deed of covenant, but are becoming bogged down in the complexities, help is at hand. Financial writer Lorna Bourke has produced an admirably simple guide to the subject — a do-it-yourself covenant kit complete with four deed forms, acceptable to the Inland Revenue, and the all important red seals.

As well as guiding you step by step through the deed she answers many of the questions raised by parents. What counts as the student's income? What happens when the parental contribution, or the personal tax allowances, change? Must payments be made at regular intervals?

The three basic requirements for a deed of covenant to be "tax efficient" are:
1. That the person making the payments is a tax payer.
2. That the person receiving the payments is not a tax-payer.
3. In the case of a parent making the payments the child must be 18 years old at least.

The person making payments under a deed of *covenant is entitled to claim* tax relief at the basic rate on the gross amount. The student then reclaims the tax relief deducted by the parent.

The amount you should covenant is limited by:
1. Your child's own earnings. These, excluding any grant, should be deducted from the personal allowance (£1,375 in the present tax year). The balance is the maximum amount it is worth covenanting.
2. The personal tax allowance. The maximum tax saving per child in the present tax year, assuming no earnings is, 30 per cent of £1,375.

Margaret Drummond

The covenant kit is obtainable by post, price £2.95 including post and packing, from: Bourke Publishers, PO Box 109, London SW5 9JP. *Cheques should be made* payable to Bourke Publishers.

Investor's week

Yes you can still make money in the market

We are now one week into my system for making money from the stock market — don't laugh, thousands did until a few days ago — and already I report that we have not lost a penny. This system, you will recall, was to put a bit into shares week by week, so that by averaging we buy a portfolio near the bottom of the market.

After my appeal for peace last week I record that the FT 30-share-index has moved from 474.7 to 476.3. However, its supreme test has yet to come. On Monday everything brokers and their clients have done, or not as the case may be, will be paid for, and yesterday one or two Square Mile folk began bracing themselves for something untoward.

Nor were we reassured by the Treasury bill tender, which my money market friends tell me would have meant 16½ per cent minimum lending rate under the old system.

Meanwhile the pound spent the week picking itself up, dusting itself down, but not quite starting all over again. It *looked* as *if* the four percentage point rise in bank base lending rates had steadied the pound on the foreign exchanges, but no one was quite sure.

The market's fragility needs more than one of Jeeves' pick-me-ups. The panic of private investors was real. They could easily grasp the idea of "thin and volatile" markets when shares shot up, but it became painfully abstruse when they fell a fifth in a fortnight.

Nor can we foresee a big fall in the rate of inflation and a sharp drop in interest rates immediately ahead, both needed for a strong stock market recovery. We might even see United States rates edging higher and, even if they do not, the market is afraid that they will.

Dearer interest charges and mortgage rates fuel inflation in the short run. But only if dearer and tighter money policies succeed in getting the pound back to $1.90 or higher need we fear for companies' profits. A 30 per cent or so increase is built-in because they are based on cost saving, financial streamlining and a *fall in the pound* that has already taken place.

The time to worry about industrial recovery is when 1983 comes into view. So brokers' bleating about the danger of renewed recession *need not worry us unduly*. At present the behaviour of the economy and the profile of company profits have little, if anything, to do with each other.

Peter Wainwright

Maternity benefits

Help with the new arrival

Having a baby is an expensive business, and mothers should ensure that they claim all that they are entitled to.

Expectant mums in this country fare less well, financially, than their continental cousins. In Sweden and France a woman who has a baby can expect far more in the way of state benefits and *job protection* than *she* can here. Few UK employers, for instance, will give paternity leave, and fewer still paternity pay, to enable fathers to stay at home after the baby is born.

Having a baby, anywhere, *however*, is a very expensive business. The British Medical Association booklet, dished out in maternity clinics, lists the essential clothing and accessories for the new born infant. At Mothercare prices it adds up to over £100 — and nearer £200 if you include the cost of a new pram.

What state benefits can mothers expect?

☐ *MATERNITY GRANT:* This is a £25 lump sum payment payable with each child. Recently it has been made a non contributory benefit. All mothers can now claim it.

☐ MATERNITY ALLOWANCE: This is a sum paid weekly for 18 weeks, starting 11 weeks before the baby is born. You should apply for this by filling in the forms from your local social security office at around the 14th *week before the expected date* of birth.

The allowance is paid at a flat rate of £20.65 a week and is in addition to any maternity pay due from your employer.

How do you qualify for the maternity allowance? Unlike the grant it is not available to all.

Working this out can be harder work than having the baby. There are two conditions:

1. You must have paid National Insurance contributions on "earnings of at least 25 times the lower weekly earnings limit in any one tax year," Translated this means if you have earned more than £6,754 in any tax year, you past the test.

2. You must have paid National Insurance contributions of 50 times the lower earnings limit in the "relevant tax year". For a baby expected between now and next March the relevant tax year will be 1979/80. You need not have worked 50 weeks, though. The requirement is that you have paid full contributions on *earnings of* at least £1,350.

If you qualify for Maternity Allowance the chances are that you will be able to get Earnings Related Supplement. This is being phased out in January next year but if you are due to claim before then you can still get it. The Earnings Related Supplement is for a maximum of £14 a week, depending on how much you earn.

An important point about *Maternity Allowance is that* even if you have not been working — perhaps you are having a second baby — you may still qualify. Many mothers who have given up their jobs with their first *pregnancy* do not think of applying, but they should.

If they have had a second baby within a couple of years of the first they will find that the National Insurance contributions paid in the tax year in which they gave up work qualifies them the second time around because the "relevant tax year" lags two years behind events.

If you don't think you fulfil the conditions, apply anyway. There are special arrangements for students, widows, those who have just left school or those who have just started in a job.

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Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	12%
Barclays	12%
BCCI	12%
Consolidated Crdts	12%
C. Hoare & Co	*16%
Lloyds Bank	12%
Midland Bank	12%
Nat Westminster	12%
TSB	12%
Williams and Glyn's	12%

* 7 day deposit on sums of £10,000 and under 14%, up to £50,000 14¼%, over £50,000 14½%.

The Over-the-Counter Market

1980/81 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E Actual	P/E Fully Taxed
114	100	ABI Hldgs 10% CULS	109	-1	10.0	9.2	—	—
76	39	Airsprung Group	69	—	4.7	6.8	10.9	15.2
52	21	Armitage & Rhodes	43	-1	4.3	10.0	3.6	8.1
200	92½	Bardon Hill	188	—	9.7	5.2	9.1	11.1
104	88	Deborah Services	96xd	—	5.5	5.7	4.8	9.0
126	88	Frank Horsell	110	+1	6.4	5.8	9.9	23.9
110	39	Frederick Parker	60	—	1.7	2.8	26.0	—
110	53	George Blair	53	-1	—	—	—	—
102	93	IPC	98	—	7.3	7.4	7.1	10.7
113	59	Jackson Group	99	-1	7.0	7.1	3.1	7.0
130	103	James Burrough	112	-1	8.7	7.8	8.2	10.3
334	244	Robert Jenkins	290	—	31.3	11.0	4.0	10.2
59	50	Scruttons "A"	54	-1	5.3	9.8	8.3	7.7
224	187	Torday Limited	suspnd	—	15.1	8.1	7.2	12.4
23	8	Twinlock Ord	11	-½	—	—	—	—
90	68	Twinlock 15% ULS	74	-1	15.0	20.3	—	—
56	35	Unilock Holdings	34	-1	3.0	8.8	6.1	10.3
103	81	Walter Alexander	83	-1	6.4	7.7	5.5	9.7
263	181	W. S. Yeates	225	-1	13.1	5.8	4.3	8.7

Stock markets

Strong start peters out

Encouraged by Wall Street,s firmness overnight, the London market started strongly yesterday, but, with very little real buying pressure, shares eased back at lunchtime and drifted during the afternoon. After the frantic gyrations at the start of the week, the market closed very quietly.

The *FT* Index was 6.1 points higher at 1 o'clock, but by the *close it had come back to* 476.3, only 1.3 points up from Thursday's close.

Leading shares rose sharply at first in a bear squeeze, but with very thin volume and a nervous mood still prevailing, *prices slipped later. Wall* Street opened higher again which helped a little, but the afternoon was very quiet.

ICI closed 2p better at 256p, Beecham was unchanged at 190p and Glaxo gained 8p to 372p. Unilever jumped 11p to 551p, while BAT Industries lost 5p to 350p. GKN added 1p to 148p and Tube Investments held steady at 112p. Hawker Siddeley put on 2p to 270p.

Gilts also had a quiet day. The market remained nervous, but the half-expected new tapstock failed to appear, and long and short-dated gilts closed little changed on very small turnover. Traders were still looking to the authorities for a lead. Their sights are set *now on Tuesday's money* supply figures.

Properties recovered ground yesterday morning in quite good demand following suggestions that they may now be rather oversold, but the buying interest eased in the afternoon after a rise in Treasury Bill rates. However, Land Securities still ended 8p better at 281p, Law Land went 5p higher at 106p and MEPC was 6p better at 200p. Hazlemere jumped 16p to 370p, and Lynton Holdings also rose 16p to 220p. Stock Conversion put on 13p to 326p. M P Kent added 4p to 130p.

Ward White stopped buying Hiltons shares, at 11p, up 7p. The two groups meet next week. Ward White's own shares rose 4p to 51p. Bidder George Oliver's "A" shares rose 5p to 105p.

Oils added to Thursday's rises in reasonable trade. BP rose 8p to 278p, Shell 8p to 330p and Lasmo 20p to 454p.

Gold shares were very quiet with little trade.

Equity turnover for October 1 was £106.511 (14,137 bargains).

Traded options were quieter yesterday with 1,340 contracts, of which 455 were put. Vaal Reefs joined the market quietly.

Traditional options were also quieter with few puts Calls were done in Dunlop at 7p, Consoldated Gold Fields at 40p and GEC at 50p

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Asprey (F)	20(13.7)	4.13(2.0)	636(311)	100(13)	27/10	175(25)
Blue Bird (F)	10.2(10.2)	0.11(0.33)	4.2(4.8)	2.9(2.9)	—	4.3(4.3)
Brown Boveri (I)	47.9(43.5)	1.33a(0.53)	4.5a(0.5a)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Brown & Jack (I)	71(53)	0.047(1.39)	0.8(3.57)	—(4)	—	—(9)
Campari Int (F)	20.1(20.2)	0.6(0.975)	7.35(7.8)	2.1(2.1)	5/12	3.1(4)
Downiebrae (I)	1.56(2.9)	0.19a(0.2)	—(—)	—(0.9)	—	—(0.9)
Emess Light (F) (b)	2.7(1.8)	0.31(0.34)	20.3(30.5)	4(3.5)	—	6.75(6)
Hardcourt Irish (F)	5.9(5.7)	0.08a(0.26)	3.34a(12.8)	—(—)	—	1.6(4.2)
Lyle Ship (I)	11.07(7.97)	3.65(2.33)	39.4(37.6)	4.5(4)	4/1	—(9.5)
N. B. Canadian (I)	—(—)	0.23(0.27)	2.42(2.72)	1.7(1.7)	9/11	—(4.6)
Richards (Leicester) (I)	2.7(3.38)	0.048a(0.16)	1a(4)	1(1.5)	25/11	—(4.3)
L. Ryan (I)	5.06(3.11)	0.123(0.45)	0.38(1.38)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Shaw & Marvin (F)	1.75(2.12)	0.02a(0.2a)	1.38a(8.79a)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Chas Sharpe (F)	—(—)	0.02(0.37)	—(—)	23.4(—)	—	27(27)
Stylo (I)	18.4(13.5)	0.75a(1.1a)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(3.0)
Triplevest (I)	—(—)	1.43(1.44)	—(—)	3.8(3.9)	31/10	—(7.09)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. a Loss; b Comparative figures are 15 months.

Profits shrink again at Campari

By Margaretta Pagano

Depressed trading last year continued to knock profits at Campari International, the camping, leisure gear and *inflatable boats group.*

Mr Henry Lipton, the chairman, said yesterday that trading had been improving recently, though the trend might not continue for the rest of the year.

Pretax profits fell to £607,800 in the year to May 31 from £975,000 last time. Sales were marginally reduced at £20.1m against £20.2m. Despite a small cut in the year's total dividend to 4.4p gross against 5.7p last year, the shares gained 6p to 39p on the better trading news. The final gross dividend, at 3p, however, was unchanged.

Mr Lipton said that the second *half's* trading saw a *useful improvement compared* with the same period last time. In the four months of the present year sales had increased satisfactorily.

This resulted from the group's efforts in Germany *where a greater market pen*etration has been achieved, good results from its Belgian subsidary and improved UK trading. New ranges have been well received at recent European and UK exhibitions resulting in increased orders.

Mr Lipton adds, however, that with increasing interest rates and volatile exchange rates the group is not certain that the trend will persist for the full year.

Over the period interest rates stood at a similar level to last year at £1.4m but tax charges were reduced at £7,950 compared with £339,026. Earnings per share come out slightly down at 7.35p against 7.8.

At a trading level profits were just £400,000 down at £2m. But retained profits, because of the lower tax charge and dividend, are higher at £346,800 compared with £309,500 last time.

Campari's profits have been retreating since 1978 when the group made £1.75m pretax.

Bilton up 13pc as all sectors improve

By Our Financial Staff

Percy Bolton, the London-based industrial property development and investment group, reports a 13 per cent profits advance with improvement coming from all sectors of the business.

Pretax profits were £3.2m *in the six months to June 30,* compared with £2.8m last time. Turnover fell by £1.5m, however, to £12.2m. The half-year gross dividend was unchanged at 3.5p, and the shares yesterday gained 2p to 192p.

Mr Percy Bilton, chairman, remains convinced of the need for caution in any speculative development, but the group will take advantage of any improvement in the economy. Shareholders, he added, will appreciate the need to retain sufficient earnings to secure future growth.

Tax charges during the period rose from £770,000 to £1.13m *and earnings per share* were slightly higher at 5.5p against 5.4p

Earlier in the year Mr Bilton forecast that profitability would show a significant upturn of around 12½ per cent, and also forecast that profit increases were available to the group for the next three years and beyond.

Last year the group made £6.13m on turnover down from £31.5m to £28.3m. For 1981, forecasters are suggesting that Bilton will make at least £7.5m.

Net borrowings at the last year-end were £20.6m, and Bilton will be further helped by low, fixed interest charges.

Emess Lighting raises dividend

Emess Lighting is paying a 9.6p gross dividend for the year to June 30, against 8.5p for the 15 months to June 30. Turnover reached £2.7m against £1.83m and the pretax profit was £314,500 compared with £345,000.

The board says that it remains an important part of trading policy to expand by acquisition, and a considerable amount of work done is this area should show results shortly.

Interest rates and inflation are unlikely to ease and this, together with a slow economic recovery, must affect prospects for the year.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

BBK omits payout after first-half loss

A combination of redundancy *costs and higher interest* and depreciation charges has pushed instrument control group Brown Boveri Kent into the red for the first half of this year.

The *group managed to turn* in an operating surplus of just over £3m for the six months until June 28, but after various charges there was a loss of £1.3m against a profit of £536,000.

For the whole of last year the group made a profit of a little over £1m.

However, the group is taking a reasonably optimistic view of the future. New *products* are coming on stream and there are signs of an improvement in order books in all parts of the organization.

"These should lead to a *marked improvement* in financial performance", Mr John Lutyens, the chairman, says. However, shareholders are being asked to go without an *interim dividend.*

During the first half the group managed to obtain an *improved performance out of* both its meters divisions and Kent-Tieghi of Italy. Likewise, the industrial measurements division and the international operations also turned in satisfactory trading results.

But against this, the recession hit the businesses served by the process control division in this country, which led to a severe cutback. A total of 300 jobs had to go at Luton during the first six months.

The board points out that discussions are still going on *aimed at selling the Evershed* Power-Optics and George Kent (Malaysia) businesses.

Turnover for the half-year showed a slight improvement from £43.5m to almost £48m.

The group evolved out of the purchase in 1974 by Brown Boveri of Switzerland of the ailing George Kent company.

North Sea profits give Lyle Shipping a boost

By Our Financial Staff

A big turnround in the profitability of its North Sea activities has given the half-year profits of the Glasgow-based Lyle Shipping group a substantial lift.

For the *six months* to June 30, Lyle made a profit of £3.6m against £2.3m, with turnover increasing from £7.9m to £11m.

"The services we perform in connexion with North Sea oil *exploration are showing some* good results", Mr Timothy Noble, managing director, said.

Lyle has picked up a lot more business in the North Sea with its activities embracing the construction of modules for the BP Magnus Field, ship repair work, and underwater servicing. It also operates three diving support ships.

Against a loss of £479,000 this time last year, Lyle made a profit of close on £600,000 and obviously views this area with increasing optimism.

Elsewhere, the group had to contend with the problem of falling freight rates which were fortunately offset by the strength of the dollar—the currency in which rates are traditionally expressed. Industrial action by the National Union of Seamen also led to a considerable number of trading days being lost.

The board says that the *second half should see the* various parts of the group doing well—but the spectre of falling freight rates makes the outlook for the future uncertain.

Shareholders collect a payout of 6.42p a share gross, compared with 5.71p, while on the stock market the shares rose 22p to 292p.

Fothergill & Harvey's new US link

A new company, Cyanamid Fothergill Ltd, has been formed by Fothergill & Harvey to supply advanced composite materials for structural applications to European aerospace and similar high *technology industries.*

Cyanamid Fothergill, of Wrexham, north Wales, is a *50/50 joint venture of Fothergill & Harvey* and an English subsidiary of American Cyanamid of New Jersey. The new company will draw on the research and manufacturing expertise of Fothergill & Harvey and American cyanamid to serve as a single, reliable source for advanced *composites, honeycomb* products, structural adhesives and woven reinforcements.

The initial issued share capital amounts to £1m and has been subscribed in equal proportions by the two partners; £500,000 of this is in respect of know-how and the balance in cash. A further cash subscription of £500,000 is planned during the next 12 months.

Tanks Consolidated

Societe Generale de Belgique has acquired 3.69m shares in Tanks Consolidated Investments at 450p each. This took the holding of SG in Tanks to 51.5 per cent.

Cazenove and Co, on behalf of SG, is now prepared to purchase in the market further ordinary stock units of Tanks and will continue to make such purchases.

In view of the proposed offer *the decision on the interim* dividend has been deferred pending the board's response and recommendation on that offer. For the half-year to June 30, pre-tax profits leapt from £258,000 to £1.799m.

EMAP purchase

East Midland Allied Press has acquired Go Places (Travel), which trades as a travel agent in Norwich.

The consideration for this holding is £65,000 and will be met by the issue of "A" *shares, with the balance of the* consideration of £6,500 being satisfied by the issue of further "A" *shares once the audited* accounts of Go Places are completed.

Stylo cuts loss

Stylo, the shoe group, cut its *pre-tax loss* from £1.14m to £759,000 in the half-year to August 1. Turnover was up *from £13.52m to £18.41m.*

Sidlaw Industries

Sidlaw Industries, through its subsidiary, Aberdeen Service Company (North Sea) ("Asco"), has acquired from the Secretary of State for Scotland the freehold of the quay forming the South Bay Marine *Base* at Peterhead for a consideration of £2.4m of which £1.4m is deferred until July, 1982.

The quay was constructed as a service base primarily for the North Sea offshore oil and gas industry, and opened in 1974, from which date Asco has occupied it as a leasehold tenant. The remaining committed lease payments to 1994 would have been in aggregate *£5,226,500 with extension for a* further 10 years at rentals to be agreed.

Triplevest

Pretax revenue of the Triplevest investment trust was almost unchanged at £1.43m in the half-year to August 31, against £1.44m in the same period last year. An interim dividend of 5.43p gross is being paid, compared with 5.63p last time. But the final for the year should exceed last year's final *payment, which was 4.5p* gross.

Blue Bird tumbles

In the 53 weeks to July 4, pre-tax profits of Blue Bird Confectionery Holdings fell to £112,000. This is only a third of the £334,000 achieved in the previous year, which was after deducting an exceptional item of £61,000. Turnover was almost unchanged at £10.2m. The total dividend is held at 6.21p gross.

Brown & Jackson

Pre-tax profits of the Brown and Jackson building group slumped from £1.39m to just £47,000 in the first half of 1981. However, profits this year were after deducting an exceptional item of £400,000, while there was no similar item last year. urnover was up from £53.3m to £71.2m. There is no interim dividend this time, compared with 5.71p last time and a final of 7.14p, both gross.

MEPC £30m loan

MEPC Limited reports the signature of an agreement placing at its disposal a loan facility for £30m with a final maturity of 10 years.

The loan is secured by investment properties located principally in the London area and will create resources which can be deployed by MEPC in its on-going development programme in the UK which includes office projects in London and Reading.

The loan, which is managed by N. M. Rothschild and Sons, is provided by a syndicate of seven leading international banks.

Wall Street

New York, October 2—Speculation, involving oil issues led stocks to close on a high note as the market *completed its best* week since February.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 8.47 to 860.73 for the week, agined more than 36, the best weekly gain since the five days to February 28, when the *average rose 38.49 points.* Advances led declines by four to one and volume jumped to 55 million shares from 41.68 million yesterday.

Analysts said investors re-entered the market once *they* were sure prices would not give back the gains achieved at the *beginning of the week, when the* Dow rose almost 24 points.

"Today's performance was a reflection of *Wednesday* and Thursday's action, when the market managed to pull back from intra-day declines and close with modest gains," Larry Wachtel of Bache Halsey Stuart Shields said.

He said that once investors were confident that the *mark-up* was more than a monentary aberration, they came back into the market.

The *rally* was aided by speculation that the Reagan administration *may* impose an oil import fee the analysts said. Government sources *said they* were *unaware* of any such impending fee.

	Oct 2	Oct 1		Oct 2	Oct 1		Oct 2	Oct 1
Allied Chem	41½	41¾	Fst Intrst Bncp	37¼	37	PPG Ind	40¾	39¼
Allied Stores	26	25¾	Fst Nat Boston	41½	40¾	Proctor Gamble	73¾	74¼
Allis Chalmers	16½	16	Fst Penn Corp	3¼	3⅞	Pub Ser El & Gas	17⅛	16¾
Alcoa	25¾	25½	Ford	19½	18¾	Raytheon	39¾e	37⅞
Amax Inc	44¾	42½	GAF Corp	12⅞	12¾	RCA Corp	19	18¾
Amerada Hess	26¼	25	Gen Dynamics	23¾	22¾	Republic Steel	23¾	23¾
Am Airlines	14⅞	14	Gen Electric	56½	56⅛	Reynolds Ind	47⅛	47
Am Brands	37¾	37⅞	Gen Foods	29¾	29	Reynolds Metal	27½	27⅞
Am Broadcast	33	30¾	Gen Mills	36	35¾	Rockwell Int	31⅛	30¼
Am Can	32½	32	Gen Motors	45⅛	44½	Royal Dutch	31¼	30
Am Cyanamid	27¾	27¼	Gen Pub Util NY	5	4⅞	Safeways	25¾	25¼
Am Elec Power	16⅛	15⅞	Gen Tel Elec	31⅞	31¾	St Regis Paper	31	30⅞
Am Home	30¼	30	Gen Tire	24¾	24½	Santa Fe Ind	22⅞	21
Am Motors	3⅞	3	Genesco	6¾	6	SCM	24⅞	24½
Am Nat Res	37	37	Georgia Pacific	19¾	19⅛	Schlumberger	56	53⅞
Am Standard	28¾	28¼	Getty Oil	59¼	57⅞	Scott Paper	16⅞	16
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Canadian Prices		
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*Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Commodities

COPPER bars were steadier yesterday.—Afternoon.—Cash bars, £906.50-901.30 a metric ton; high-grade three months, £941.50-942. Sales: 10,300 tonnes. Cash standard cathodes, £907-908; three months, £937-938. Sales: 100 tonnes. Morning.—Cash bars, £900-901; high-grade three months, £934-935. Settlement, £901.00. Sales, 11,225 tonnes. Cash standard cathodes, £897-897.50; three months, £928.50-929. Settlement, £897.50. Sales, 575 tonnes.

TIN.—Standard was steady.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £8,195-8,215 a tonne; three months, £8,305-8,315. Sales, 310 tonnes. High grade, cash, £8,195-8,215; three months, £8,305-8,315. Sales, nil tonnes. Morning.—Standard cash, £8,205-8,210; three months, £8,310-8,320. Settlement, £8,210. Sales, 1,650 tonnes. High grade, cash, £8,205-8,210; three months, £8,310-8,330. Settlement, £8,210. Sales, nil tonnes. Singapore tin ex-works, SM35.44 a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £386.50-387.50 per tonne; three months, £398-398.50. Sales, 5,400 tonnes. Morning.—Cash, £386-387; three months, £397.50-398. Settlement, £387.00. Sales, 5,925 tonnes.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £466-467 per tonne; three months, £484-484.25. Sales, 3,675 tonnes. Morning.—Cash, £466-466.50; three *months, £482-483. Settlement, £466.50.* Sales, 5,730 tonnes.

PLATINUM was at £227.40 ($415.50) a troy ounce.

SILVER was steadier at the close yesterday.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 510.10p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 933.20); three months, 528.25p (969.50c); six months, 548.75p (1,010.50c); one year, 588.75p (1,090.00c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 515-516p; three months, 534-534.5p. Sales 65 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 510-511p; three months, 528.5-529p. Settlement, 511.0p. Sales, 105 lots.

ALUMINIUM was steadier.—Afternoon.—Cash, £625-626 per tonne; three months, £655-655.50. Sales, 3,450 tonnes. Morning.—Cash, £620.50-621.00; three months, £650-650.50. Settlement, £621.00. Sales, 4,450 *tonnes.*

NICKEL was quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash, £2,740-2,760 per tonne; three months, £2,850-2,860. Sales, 24 tonnes. Morning.—Cash, £2,730-2,760; three months, £2,840-2,850. Settlement, £2,750. Sales, 324 tonnes.

RUBBER closed uncertain (pence per kilo): Nov, 55.60-55.70; Dec, 56.70-56.80; Jan/March, 58.80-59.00; April/June, 63.70-63.80; July/Sept, 66.30-66.40; Oct/Dec, 69.90-70.00; Jan/March, 73.40-73.60; April/June, 76.80-77.00; July/Sept, 80.20-80.60. *Sales: 45 at five tonnes and 326 at 15* tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were easier.—Spot: 53.50-55.00. Cifs: Nov, 52.75-53.75; Dec, 53.75-54.75.

COFFEE.—ROBUSTAS (£ per tonne): Nov, 1,066-1,067; Jan, 1,080-1,081; March, 1,085-1,087; May, 1,085-1,090; July, 1,090-1,098; Sept, 1,085-*1,098; Nov, 1,080-1,110.* Sales: 2,415 lots, including 196 options.

COCOA was slightly steadier yesterday (£ per metric ton).—Dec, 1,307-1,308; *March, 1,312-1,313; May, 1,316-*1,317; July, 1,320-1,322; Sept, 1,327-1,330; Dec, 1,332-1,339; March, 1,338-1,350. Sales: 5,668 lots. ICCO prices: daily (Oct 1) 106.00c; indicator price (Oct 2) 5-day *average,* 104.25c (US cents per lb). Buffer stock price for Oct 2, $2,410 (US) per tonne.

SUGAR.—The London daily price of "raws" was £5.00 lower at £170; the "whites" price was £5.00 lower at £184. Futures (£ per tonne): Jan, 172.50-174.00; March, 179.50-179.75; May, 182.90-182.95; Aug, 186.00-186.50; Oct, 190.00-190.50; Jan, *190.00-192.00; March, 192.50-195.00.* Sales: 2,903 lots and barely steady at the close. ISA prices (Oct 1): daily, 12.75c; 15-day average, 11.89c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet (£ per tonne).—*Oct,* 139.50-142.00; Dec, 134.10-134.50; Feb, 137.10-137.50; April, 139.00-140.00; June, 142.00-145.00; Aug, 142.50-146.00; Oct, 145.00-150.00. Sales, 15 lots.

WOOL.—*NZ Crossbreds,* No 2 contract (cents per kilo).—Oct, 390-398; Dec, 392-396; Jan, 393-395; March, 403-405; May, 412-416; Aug, 422-425; Oct, 426-430; Dec, 431-434; Jan, 432-436; March, 440-445. Sales: 113 lots. Steady.

GRAIN. (The Baltic).—**WHEAT.**—Canadian western red spring, unquoted. US dark northern spring, No 2, 14 per cent: Oct, £112.40; Nov, £113.75; Dec, £115.75 trans-shipment east coast sellers. US hard winter, 13½ per cent: Oct, £120.00 trans-shipment east coast seller. EEC, unquoted. English feed, fob: Nov, £111.50 east coast seller.

MAIZE.—French, S. African white and S. African yellow, all unquoted.

BARLEY.—*English feed, fob: Oct,* £104; Nov, £106; Dec, £108; April-June, £114.75 sellers east coast; Oct, £105.75 paid east coast Scotland. All *cif UK unless stated.*

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta) EEC origin.—**BARLEY** was slightly easier.—Nov, £99.75; Jan, £103.75; March, £107.65; May, £111.25; Sept, *£101.75. Sales: 545 lots.* **WHEAT** was slightly easier.—Nov, £106.75; Jan, £109.80; March, £113.80; May, £117.65; July, £121.75; Sept, £107.50. Sales: 292 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices:

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Eastern	£109.00	£106.40	£100.10
E. Midlands	—	£104.40	£ 98.50
N. East	£105.80	£104.30	£ 98.20
Scotland	—	£104.00	£ 96.80

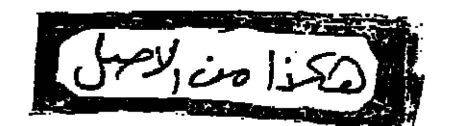
MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on Oct 3.—GB: Cattle, 85.43p per kg lw (–2.40). *UK: Sheep 149.52p per* kg est dcw (–5.42). GB: Pigs, 75.18p per kg lw (–1.12). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 6.1 per cent, average price 84.67p (–2.86). Sheep numbers down 32.2 per cent, average price, 146.42p (–.00). Pig numbers up 0.7 per cent, average price, 75.18p (–1.12). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 20.0 per cent, average price, 88.63p (–4.04). Sheep numbers down 47.5 per cent average price, 151.95p (+2.82).

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE (US per tonne).—Oct, 304.50-04.75; Nov, 308.50-08.75; Dec 311.50-11.75; Jan, 314.00-14.75; Feb, 316.25-17.00; March, 318.25-19.00; April, 319.50-22.00; May, 321.25-35.00; June, 323.25-35.00. Sales: 158 lots of 100 tonnes each.

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week

This table is published on Wednesday and Saturday—*FT* Index change on week 476.3+1.6 (0.3%)

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Bid	Current Offer	Yield
		Authorized Unit Trusts			
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
66.1	+0.2	American Grwth	61.7	66.3	2.18
47.9	+0.4	Capital	44.7	48.3	4.35
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		Charinco Charities Narrower-Range Fund.			
		15 Moorgate, London, EC2. 01-638 4121			
112.3	..	Income (34)	..	112.3	13.82
205.3	..	Do Accum (34)	..	206.3	13.82
		Charities Official Investment Fund.			
		77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
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		Legal & General (Unit Trust Managers) Ltd.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 217238			
83.4	+0.4	Equity Dist	88.7	93.8e	4.30
131.1	+0.5	Do Accum	121.7	151.6e	4.30
107.5	..	Gilt	102.1	107.5	8.95
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers.			
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150.4	–4.8	*Commodity*	135.5	145.6e	3.19
143.5	..	Energy	133.6	143.5	1.36
43.4	–2.6	Exploration Fd	38.1	40.9	0.27
106.7	–4.3	Financial Secs	95.3	102.4	2.71
64.8	–3.9	Int Bond	56.6	60.9e	2.41
373.9	..	Exempt Int	366.3	373.9	9.85
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101.2	–6.7	*Equity Pen*	89.7	94.5	..
106.2	..	Prop Pen	100.8	106.2	..
108.8	..	Fxd Int Pen	103.3	108.8	..
107.4	..	Money Pen	101.9	107.4	..
108.8	..	High Yld Pen	103.3	108.8	..
141.2	–2.2	AMEV/Fram Am	131.9	139.0	..
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120.7	–1.0	*Eq Series Cap A*	113.7	119.7	..
193.2	–6.8	Pens Man Cap	177.8	126.4	..
227.4	–6.7	Do Man Acc	209.6	220.7	..
143.9	+2.1	Do Gtd Cap	139.6	146.0	..
169.5	+3.4	Do Gtd Acc	164.2	172.9	..
181.8	–15.3	Do Eq Cap	129.6	135.5	..
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		Insurance Bonds and Funds			
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		Offshore and International Funds			
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Stock Exchange Prices

Quiet end to week

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Sept 28. Dealings End, Oct 9. § Contango Day, Oct 12. Settlement Day, Oct 19

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

1980/81 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
SHORTS								
100⁵⁄₁₆	93⁷⁄₁₆	Exch	12¼%	1981	99¹¹⁄₃₂	-⅛	12.835	16.377
98⅞	88	Treas	8¼%	1980-82	97⅞	..	8.696	16.267
96½	81⅛	Treas	3%	1982	96⅛	+⅛	3.124	13.849
102⅝	90½	Treas	14%	1982	99⁵⁄₁₆	-⅛	14.087	15.660
96½	85⅞	Treas	8¼%	1982	94½	..	8.750	16.203
98⅛	85⅝	Exch	9¼%	1982	94¼	+⅛	9.813	15.257
95⅛	84⅛	Exch	8¾%	1983	93⅜	..	9.371	14.625
92	79½	Exch	3%	1983	89½	..	3.391	12.239
99⁷⁄₁₆	85⅝	Treas	12%	1983	95⅛	..	12.615	15.914
94⅛	84⅛	Treas	9¼%	1983	90⅛	-⅛	10.263	15.768
102⅞	94¼	Exch	13¼%	1983	95⅛	-⅛	14.101	16.246
94¹¹⁄₁₆	84⅛	Exch	10%	1983	89⅛	-⅛	11.221	16.051
88	76⅛	Fund	5½%	1982-84	83½	..	6.587	14.162
97⁷⁄₁₆	86⅞	Exch	11¼%	1984	90¼	-⅛	13.466	16.316
100⁹⁄₁₆	94½	Exch	14%	1984	95⅛	-⅛	14.718	16.321
82¼	66¼	Exch	3%	1984	77⅛	..	3.877	13.178
99⅛	88	Treas	12%	1984	90⅝	-⅛	13.241	16.020
109¼	97⅞	Treas	15%	1985	97⅞	-⅛	15.365	15.901
98⅞	89¼	Exch Cv	12%	1985	89¼	-⅛	13.445	16.134
76	63¹⁵⁄₁₆	Treas	3%	1985	71⅛	..	4.217	13.264
96¹¹⁄₁₆	86¼	Treas	11½%	1985	86¼	-⅛	13.254	16.260
103⅛	88⅞	Exch	12¼%	1985	88⅞	-⅛	13.862	16.190
97⅛	86⅝	Exch	11¼%	1986	87⅝	-⅛	13.585	16.090
69¹³⁄₁₆	65⅛	Treas	3%	1986	66	..	4.547	13.001
97⅞	85⅛	Treas	12%	1986	85⅝	-⅛	13.853	16.164
MEDIUMS								
89⅛	78½	Treas	8¼%	1984-86	79¼	-⅛	10.726	14.698
106⅛	90⅞	Exch	13¼%	1987	94⅛	-⅛	14.401	15.481
81¼	70⅛	Fund	6½%	1985-87	71⅝	● ..	9.008	13.837
99⅝	83⅝	Treas	12%	1987	84	● ..	14.109	15.946
83	71⅞	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	73⅛	..	10.718	14.592
65⅛	54⅛	Trans	3%	1978-88	59	..	5.150	12.280
98	79½	Treas	11½%	1989	80	..	14.613	16.583
68¼	57⅛	Treas	5%	1986-89	60	● ..	8.310	13.187
104⅞	88⅞	Treas	13%	1990	89⅛	..	15.002	16.013
95⅞	81½	Exch	12½%	1990	82	..	15.205	16.620
82	69½	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	71½	..	11.951	14.681
96¼	79½	Treas	11¾%	1991	80	..	15.201	16.610
68	57¼	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	57½	● ..	9.932	13.947
92¼	72¼	Exch	11%	1991	73⅛	● ..	14.877	16.377
102⅛	83¼	Treas	12¾%	1992	84⅛	..	16.599	16.467
86⅝	70⅛	Treas	10%	1992	70⅛	..	14.384	16.138
100½	79	Exch	12¼%	1992	79½	..	15.660	16.624
104⅛	84¼	Exch	13½%	1992	84⅝	..	15.969	16.650
100⅝	81¼	Treas	12½%	1993	82¼	..	15.720	16.472

Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) October 2	Market rates (close) October 2	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.8170-8410	$1.8180-8200	0.15-1.15c disc	0.42-0.52c disc
Montreal	$2.1870-2170	$2.1890-1910	0.55-0.66c disc	1.65-1.85c disc
Amsterdam	4.61-74fl	4.62½-63½fl	1½-⅞c prem	4½-4c prem
Brussels	68.00-75f	68.15-25f	60-70c disc	125-145c disc
Copenhagen	13.09-39k	13.11½-13¼k	205-300ore disc	390-540ore disc
Dublin	1.1430-1690p	1.1440-1460p	50-65p disc	105-125p disc
Frankfurt	4.15-26m	4.16½-17½m	1⅛-1¼pf prem	5-4½pf prem
Lisbon	116.75-119.75e	117.00-50e	75-450c disc	175-770c disc
Madrid	173.50-176.75p	173.70-174.00p	par-25c disc	56-85c disc
Milan	2137-74lr	2145-47lr	29-32lr disc	72-77lr disc
Oslo	10.66-82k	10.67-69k	265-160ore prem	83.5-7.30ore prem
Paris	10.00-20f	10.00½-01½f	14-15c disc	24¼-26¼c disc
Stockholm	10.07-26k	10.08-10k	250-180ore prem	835-765ore prem
Tokyo	420-8y	422-23y	3.45-3.15y prem	9.95-9.50y prem
Vienna	29.10-90sch	29.13-18sch	11.7gro prem	30-20gro prem
Zurich	3.51-61f	3.51½-52½f	1¼-1¼c prem	4½-4⅜c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was down 1.2 at 87.3

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 16%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend High 15½ Low 13½
Week Fixed: 15¾-15⅛

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	16⅛	2 months	15¾
3 months	16	3 months	15⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	16⅛-16	3 months	16⁹⁄₁₆
3 months	16¹⁄₁₆-15¹⁵⁄₁₆	4 months	16⁷⁄₁₆
4 months	15¹⁵⁄₁₆-15¹³⁄₁₆	6 months	16
6 months	15⅝-15⁷⁄₁₆		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	16¾-16¼	7 months	16-15½
2 months	16¾-16¼	8 months	16-15½
3 months	16¾-16½	9 months	16-15½
4 months	16½-16	10 months	16-15½
5 months	16¼-15¾	11 months	16-15½
6 months	16-15½	12 months	16¼-16

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	16⅝-16⁷⁄₁₆	6 months	16¹³⁄₁₆-16¹¹⁄₁₆
3 months	16¹¹⁄₁₆-16⁹⁄₁₆	12 months	16½-16¼

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	16½	3 months	16⅞
7 days	16½	6 months	16¾
1 month	16½	1 year	16⅞

Interbank Market (%)

Weekend: Open 16¼-16 Close 13

1 week	16⅝-16⅛	6 months	17¹⁄₁₆-16¹⁵⁄₁₆
1 month	16⅞-16⅝	9 months	16⅞-16⅝
3 months	17¹⁄₁₆-16¹⁵⁄₁₆	12 months	16⅝-16½

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)

3 months 17½ 6 months 17½
Finance House Base Rate 14½%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£219m	allotted	£100m
Bids at	£96.01½	received	75%
Last week	£96.16½	received	7%
Average rate	15.9795%	Last week	15.1231%
Next week	£100m	replace	£100m

Other Markets

Australia	1.5900-1.6050
Bahrein	0.6860-0.6850
Finland	8.1225-8.1625
Greece	103.75-105.75
Hongkong	10.9630-11.0030
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.5185-0.5215
Malaysia	4.2445-4.2745
Mexico	45.50-47.00
New Zealand	2.2165-2.2365
Saudi Arabia	6.2560-6.2860
Singapore	3.8705-3.9005
South Africa	1.7335-1.7545

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.5910-1.5940
† Canada	1.2041-1.2043
Netherlands	2.5350-2.5400
Belgium	37.20-37.35
Denmark	7.18-7.21
West Germany	2.2910-2.2930
Portugal	64.35-64.65
Spain	96.50-96.60
Italy	1178-1183
Norway	5.8600-5.8700
France	5.5000-5.5100
Sweden	5.5375-5.5475
Japan	231.90-232.05
Austria	16.00-16.03
Switzerland	1.9320-1.9360

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1 : US $0.8307-0.8309

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 15-16; seven days, 16½-16⅛; one month, 16⅞-16⅝; three months, 17⅛-17⅛; six months, 17⅞-18¼.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $432.25 (an ounce); pm, $435 close, $435.75.
Krugerrand (per coin): $445-451 (£245.25-248.75).
Sovereigns (new): $106-108 (£58-59).

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Aerospace Engineering 25p Ord (153)	123+5
Chloride Group 7½% Cum Pf (£1)	87
East of Scot Onshore 25p Ord (64)	55
F and C Enterprise Tst 10p Ord	9
Fleet Street Letter 5p Ord (52)	66
Hamilton Oil 10p Ord (140)	98+1
Hanson Trust 9½% Cnv Ln 2001 (£100)	£104¼+1
Jeavons Engineering 25p Ord (62)	45
Memec 10p Ord (140)	165-1

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
BICC (225‡)	..	[illegible]
BP (275 partly paid)	Dec 16	13⁰ prem [illegible]
Brown J. 25p Ord (78‡)	..	[illegible]

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £60 paid b. £10 paid. f fully paid. g £40 paid. h £50 paid. i £30 paid. j £35 paid.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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". . . He who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood."—St. John 7:18 (R.S.V.).

BIRTHS

BOWLES.—On September 21st, at St. Thomas's Hospital, to Rosalind (nee Goyder) and Robert—a son (David George).

FORSTER-JONES.—On September 25th, at the City of London Hospital, to *Susan (nee Gratwicke)* and Wilfred—a son (Martin Philip).

CHOI.—On September 30, 1981, to Helen and Joseph—a son (Robert Joseph).

GANDELL.—On Sept. 24 to Elizabeth (nee Wynter-Bee) and Maxwell—a son (Andrew William Pearse).

KELLY.—On October 1st, at home, to Kathryn and Jonathan—a daughter.

LEWIS-COOPER.—On October 1st, at the Duchess of Kent, Catterick, to Anne and Christopher — a daughter (Amy Joanne).

MITCHELL.—On September 23rd, at University College Hospital, to Elizabeth (nee Caminara) and David—a daughter (Jennifer Caroline), sister for Christopher.

NORMAN.—On September 25th at Crawley Hospital to Jackie and John—a son (Matthew John).

RITCHIE.—On September 24th to Josephine (nee Armour) and Duncan—a daughter (Sophie Claire), a sister for William and Alexander.

SLATER.—On 28th September, to *Gay (nee Williams) and Andrew*—a daughter (Clare), a sister for Mark.

SOLESBURY.—On September 24, to Felicity and Bill, a son (Jack Theodor William) brother for Tara and Eliza.

STURT.—On October 1st, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, to Vivienne (nee Cawsey) and Andrew—a *daughter.*

WILSON.—On 25th September, 1981, to Dagmar (nee Ellerton) and James—a son (Edward James).

MARRIAGES

CARNEGY-ARBUTHNOTT : CARLSTRAND.—*On September 26th,* 1981, at All Hallows By The Tower, Hugh, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Carnegy-Arbuthnott, Meadowburn of Balnamoon, Brechin, Angus, to Victoria, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Carlstrand, Ebbisham Lodge, Epsom, Surrey.

DANCKWERTS-LLOYD.—On 26th Sept., 1981, at *the* Abbey Church, Cambridge, Richard, son of the late Vice-Admiral V. H. Danckwerts, and of Mrs J. Danckwerts, to Jill, daughter of the late J. E. Lloyd and the late Mrs M. Tomlinson.

GUNN : SOUNDY.—At St. Lawrence Church, Effingham, Surrey, on 26th September, 1981, Robert George Livingston, only son of George Ian Livingston and Pamela Winifred (Robinson) Gunn of Walton-on-Thames, to Janette Olive, daughter of Alan P. and Olive (Keene) Soundy of Effingham.

WEAVER : PERRY.—On 15 August, 1981, in Canberra, by the Ven J. N. Falkingham, Professor Paul R. C. Weaver to Miss Rossina Perry.

DEATHS

ASHBY.—The Reverend Cannon Stanley John, on 30th Sept., 1981, much loved priest, aged 61, peacefully *at home. Funeral* requiem at All Saints', Blackheath, Thursday, 8th October, at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers, donations to The British Heart Foundation.

BERKELEY.—On September 29, 1981, peacefully, Lt Col. Cyril Jocelyn Sackville Berkeley, O.B.E., aged 85 years of Lisbuoy House, Omagh, Co Tyrone, N.I. Funeral private.

BOYD-NEEL.—On September 30th, 1981, in Toronto, peacefully, after a long illness courageously borne, Dr. Louis Boyd, aged 76 years. Musical conductor.

CARROLL, FRANCIS GEORGE, of 85 Lodge Rd., Writtle, Chelmsford, Essex.—On Wednesday, 30th September. Formerly of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in his 99th year. Funeral Wednesday, 7th October at 2 p.m. at Chelmsford Crematorium, Writtle Road, Writtle, Chelmsford. Undertakers: Lucking & Sons, 155 New London Road, Chelmsford.

CHESS.—On September 30th, tragically Oscar Gordon of Porthcawl. Loved father of Anna, Oscar and Paul.

ELDEN.—On 30th September, 1981, Charlotte Alice, aged 97, sister of the late Alice Eleanor Elden. Cremation, Enfield Crematorium, 2.30 p.m. Friday, October 9th.

ESCHRICH.—*On Sept. 28, peacefully at home,* Werner, husband of Helen (nee Bryan) and father of Peter, and of Ruth Hansen.

GREEN.—On October 1, 1981, Charles Edward, aged 91, of The Croft, Shawford near Winchester, formerly of Amery-Parkes & Co. No letters or flowers please.

HICKSON.—On October 1st, 1981, suddenly Lieutenant Colonel, The Reverend Joseph, of 23 Manor Court, Pewsey, Wiltshire. Beloved husband of the late Rosa, and father of Sam and Judy. Service at Pewsey Parish Church on Thursday October 8th at 2 p.m. Flowers to Camp Hopson, Newbury, Berkshire.

KITT.—On September 23, 1981, peacefully at the Churchill Hospital, Headington, aged 69, Dorothy Phyllis ("Betty") Kitt, of 32 Blacklands Road, Benson, Founder Chairman of the Sea Ranger Association and for many years in London and latterly at Henley-on-Thames Legal Executive, respected and loved by her family, many friends and clients.

LANGRIDGE.—On October 1st, 1981, peacefully at home in her 98th year, Enid, widow of Walter Frederick Langridge. Enquiries E. R. Hickmott and Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells (TW 22462).

McKENZIE, WILLIAM S., F.R.C.S.—On September 30th, peacefully at his home near Molacar, in Southern Spain, at the age of 73. He leaves two sons.

NEWMAN.—On September 30th, suddenly but peacefully at her daughter's home in Leeds, of 114 Christchurch Road, London, S.W.2, aged 70, Clara Marion, dearly loved mother of Penny and a dear sister, aunt and great-aunt. Service in Emmanuel Church (Anglican chaplaincy, Leeds University), on Tuesday, October 6th, at 1.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Lawnswood Crematorium, Leeds, at 2.15 p.m. *Flowers may be sent to the* private chapel of G. B. Dovener and Son, 52 North Lane, Leeds, before 1 p.m.

NICHOLS.—On October 1, 1981, peacefully at home, Dorothy Jennie Heasley (Dos) in her 86th year. Dearly loved mother of Ann and John, devoted grandmother to Sally and Rodney, loving great *grandmother of Toby* and beloved friend of Peggy. Funeral service at St Simon Zelotes, Moore Street, Chelsea, SW3, on Tuesday, October 6, at 1 pm, followed by cremation at Putney Vale. Family flowers only to E B Ashton & Co. 96 Fulham Rd, SW3. Donations if desired to British Talking Books for the Blind, Mount *Pleasant,* Wembley, Middlesex.

SARL-WILLIAMS.—On 30th September, 1981, peacefully at his daughter's home in Beaconsfield, Bucks, Thomas Sarl-Williams of White Lodge, Westminster Avenue, Chester, Mayor of Chester, 1963-64 and beloved father of Olga McBride. Funeral private. A memorial service will be held at Handbridge United Reform Church, Chester on Tuesday, 27th October at 11 a.m. No flowers but donations to "Mr Tom's" Charitable interests would be appreciated.

SKENE. — On 30th September, 1981, at St Andrews, Robert William Dugal Skene, of Pitlour, Strathmiglo, Fife. Beloved husband of Inge and father of Danus. Cremation at Perth Crematorium on Monday, 5th October, 1981, at 2.30 p.m. No letters please. Family flowers only.

SMITH.—On October 1st, peacefully at Abergavenny, Herbert Cecil Smith, C.B.E., late I.F.S. Burma, aged 88. Funeral at Rockfield Church, nr. Monmouth, 2 p.m. on Monday, October 5th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

SHAW.—On September 30, peacefully at Paxhill Park, Lindfield, Sussex, Hilda Elizabeth, beloved wife *of Raymond and* mother of Timothy. Funeral private, no flowers by request.

WETHERED.—On Friday, 2nd October, 1981, in his home, Owen Francis MacTier Commander RN, retired. Very dear husband of Betty and loving father of Anthony, Julian and Caroline and devoted grandfather. Funeral 2 p.m. Wednesday, *7th October.* All Saints Church Marlow, followed by private cremation. No letters please and only family flowers.

WILCOX DAISY CATHERINE.—Of Fleet House, Greatworth, Banbury, aged 81 years on September 30th, 1981. Peacefully after a long illness. Funeral at Greatworth Church, 2.30 p.m. Tuesday, 6th October. Enquiries to Trinder's of Banbury.

WILLIAMS.—On September 30th, at Ringwood, Hants, Geoffrey Francis, in his 77th year, only son of the late Mr and Mrs W. A. Williams, Tremains, Bridgend mid-Glamorgan and beloved brother of Violet and Dorothy.

WILLIS.—*On 29 September,* 1981, at a nursing home in Sheffield, Audrey Isabel Willis (nee Thompson), aged 85, for 63 years wonderful wife of Arthur J. Willis, of 4 Woofindin Avenue, Sheffield 11, and formerly of Lyminge, Kent, and Ealing, Middx. Funeral private. No flowers please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DUCKER, CATHARINA HELENA.—27 June, 1910-7 September, 1981. A service of thanksgiving will be held at Tideswell Parish Church, Derbyshire, on Tuesday, 20th October, at 2.30 p.m. and at St Christopher's Church, Haslemere on Friday 23rd October, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, by request. Instead donations for Christian Aid may be sent to the Rev. Vera Ducker, Paddock Corner, Farnham Lane, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 1HD.

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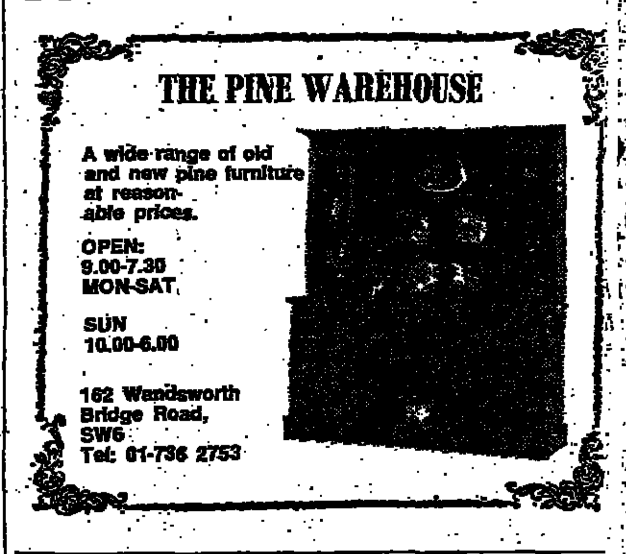
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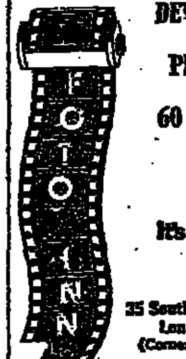
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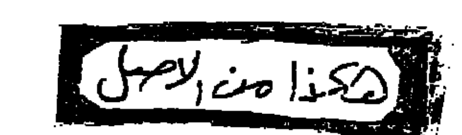
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Television and radio: Saturday and Sunday

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BBC 1

8.05 Open University: Imagine the Eye; **9.05 Play Golf:** Another lesson from Peter Alliss (r); **9.30 Multi-coloured Swap Shop:** The return of the popular show for children, with Noel Edmonds leading the same lively team of presenters; **12.27** Weather forecast; **12.30 Grandstand.** The line-up is: 12.35 Football Focus; 1.05 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. A preview from Paris. Racing from Chepstow at 1.20, 1.50, 2.20 and 2.50 (Free Handicap Hurdle Race); Rally Cross, the Lloyds and Scottish British Championship Final, from Lydden Hill, Kent, at 1.40 and 3.10; Crown Green Bowling (John Player Champions Trophy 1981) from Blackpool, at 2.10, 2.40 and 3.25; Rugby League — Castleford v Bradford Northern (Webster's Yorkshire Cup Final) at 3.55. Played at Headingley.

4.00 Rugby League: Castleford v Bradford Northern (continued); **4.35** Final scores. Classified check.
5.10 Kung Fu: A woman sets a trap and Kwai Chang Caine (David Carradine) falls into it.
6.00 News: with Jan Leeming; **6.10** Sports round-up.
6.15 Larry Grayson's Generation Game: General knowledge questions and tests of skill. With Isla St Clair.
7.10 Juliet Bravo: Police series with Stephanie Turner as Inspector Jean Darblay. Two OAPs, who refuse to be evicted from a house that is about to be demolished, keep their cellar door heavily locked and bolted. Darblay goes to the house and discovers their secret. Co-starring Gwen Nelson and Arthur Hewlett as the two pensioners.
8.00 Mike Yarwood in Persons: The master impressionist in a new series.
8.30 Flamingo Road: Fielding Carlyle (Mark Harmon) bids for a seat in the state senate.

Keith Chegwin, Maggie Philbin, John Craven and Noel Edmonds: on BBC 1 at 9.30 am

9.00 Flamingo Road: continued.
9.20 News: with Jan Leeming.
9.35 Parkinson: First in a new series of chat shows. Michael Parkinson's guest is David Niven, film actor and (increasingly these days) raconteur.
10.35 Match of the Day: Coverage of First and Second Division games played today in the Midlands and South. Also, pools check and the result of the August/September Goal of the Month competition.
11.35 House Calls: American comedy series set in a hospital. Charley (Wayne Rogers) has a new patient — his old high school teacher.
12.00 Weather forecast. Ends at 12.05.

BBC 2

7.40 Open University. Transmission begins with Education (future issues). Other subjects this morning include Liszt and Nature (at 8.30), the Shrine of St Peter (10.10), Shaw's St Joan (11.25), *Black Holes* (1.05) and Glaciation (1.30). The programmes continue until 1.55; At 2.00 **Saturday Cinema: Sunny Side Up*** (1929): Carefree romantic musical starring Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell as the skivvy and the socialite. Its line-up of good songs includes *If I had a talking picture of You*, and *I'm a dreamer*. Director: David Butler.

3.55 Film: A Star is Born* (1937). The original version of the Hollywood story of the country girl who finds fame in movies while her lover, a former Hollywood idol, slides downhill. Starring Janet Gaynor, Fredric March and Adolphe Menjou. Director: William Wellman.
5.45 Maureen: A day in the life of a patient at a hospital for the mentally handicapped.
6.15 Kings of the Castle: Scene-setter for the Karpov-Korchnoi chess battle in Merano, northern Italy.
7.00 News and sports round-up.
7.15 Gala Night at the Kirov: A feast for ballet-lovers. A selection from the Leningrad-based company's repertoire, including La Vivandière, Esmeralda and Carnival in Venice.
8.55 Shakespeare in Perspective: The writer Susan Hill talks about Shakespeare's Othello. The play is televised on BBC 2 on Sunday night.
9.20 Tinker, Tailor, Soldier Spy: Smiley (Alec Guinness), on the trail of the mole in the Secret Service, follows a new path. It leads to Jim Prideaux (Ian Bannen), now a preparatory school teacher.
10.05 The Bill Douglas Trilogy: My Way Home* (1978). Final film in this sad story of a Scottish lad's early years. Jamie (Stephen Archibald), after more vicissitudes, is called up to the Royal Air Force.
11.15 News and weather forecast.
11.20 Film: The Producers (1967). Mel Brooks's madcap comedy about a plot to stage a Broadway musical *that will not survive* beyond its first night. Starring Zero Mostel, Gene Wilder. Ends at *12.55*.

ITV/LONDON

8.35 Sesame Street: with The Muppets; **9.35 Joe 90:** Tales of a boy wonder; **10.00 Clapperboard:** Visit to a famous old cinema, the Granada Tooting; **10.30 Tiswas:** Noisy and over-excited show for children; **12.30 World of Sport: 12.35** On the Ball *(football round-up)*; *1.00 Australian Rules Football* (VFL grand final, Carlton v Collingwood); **1.15 News; 1.20 The ITV Six:** from Haydock, the 1.30, 2.00, and 2.35; from Newmarket, the 1.45, 2.20 and 3.00 (Cambridgeshire Handicap); **3.10 Darts:** The 3rd World Cup, from Nelson, New Zealand. Throwing for England are Eric Bristow, John Lowe, Tony Brown *and Cliff Lazerenko. They will be competing against* contestants from 16 other darts-playing nations; More at **4.00. 3.45** Half-time football results.

4.00 Darts: Back to New Zealand for the climax of the 3rd World Cup.
4.50 Results: Your complete check on the outcome of today's games.
5.05 Metal Mickey: Young Steve (Gary Shail) achieves instant stardom on the football field; **5.35 News from ITN.**
5.40 The Pyramid Game: A test of contestants' wit and powers of description. The guest stars are Katie Boyle and Bill Oddie.
6.10 Game for a Laugh: Members of the public, consciously or otherwise, do funny things in, and outside, the studio.
7.00 Punchlines: Memory game, with Lulu and Joe Brown as guests.
7.35 Take a Letter, Mr Jones: Mrs Warner (Rula Lenska) goes to a trade fair — but not alone. With John Inman.
8.05 Vegas: A Soviet pilot arrives in Las Vegas, seeking asylum.



Metal Mickey: On ITV network at 5.05 pm

9.00 News from ITN. And sports round-up.
9.15 Film: Julia (1977). Distinguished screen version of Lillian Hellman's account of her relationship with a childhood friend who takes on the Nazis in pre-war Germany. Jane Fonda plays the young Lillian Hellman, and Vanessa Redgrave plays the title role. The performances brought both actresses an Oscar.
11.25 Johnny Carson's Tonight Show: First of 13 Saturday night repeats for British viewers of the chat and entertainment show that, *three nights a week, has Americans glued to their* TV sets. This particular programme celebrates the show's 19th anniversary. Guest artists include Shelley Winters and Burt Reynolds.
12.45 Close. With Shirley Williams.

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6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News.
6.32 Farming.
6.50 Yours Faithfully.
6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.10 Today's Papers.
7.45 Yours Faithfully.
7.50 It's a Bargain.
7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Sport on 4.
8.50 Breakaway.
9.00 News.
9.50 News Stand.
10.05 Conference Special.
10.30 Daily Service.†
10.45 Pick of the Week.†
11.35 From our own Correspondent.
12.00 News.
12.02 Money Box (new series).
12.27 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue.†
12.55 Weather.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions?
2.00 News.
2.05 Wildlife.
2.30 Play: "Warren" by Martyn Wade.
3.00 Medicine Now.
3.30 Profile: Richard Branson.
3.50 Enquire Within.
4.00 Prefaces to Shakespeare: Bob Peck on "Othello" (The BBC TV production of "Othello" will be shown tomorrow evening on BBC 2).
4.30 Does he Take Sugar?
5.00 Going Solo (series). Running your own business (4) Accounts.
5.25 Week Ending.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.15 Desert Island Discs: The Beaux Arts Trio.†
6.55 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (new series).
7.35 Baker's Dozen.
8.30 Play: "Leave it to PSmith" by P. G. Wodehouse.†
9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 Fighting Talk (new series) "Over the Hill, Over the Top?"
11.00 Lighten our Darkness.
11.15 Not the Hills of Rome.
12.00 News and Weather.
VHF 6.25 Weather. 3.30-5.40 Open University.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Aubade: Concert.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review. †
10.15 Stereo Release: New Records including the Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes and the ballet *music for Petrushka by Stravinsky.* †
11.15 Bandstand.†
11.45 I Know What I Like H. R. Keating.†
1.00 News.
1.05 Early Music Forum (new series).
2.00 Play it Again. †
4.15 The Polignac Salon (last in series). †
5.00 Jazz Record Requests.†
5.45 Critics' Forum.
6.35 Piano Duets Recital: Schubert, Debussy, Liszt. †
7.15 The Pigeonhole: Story by Stephen Butler.
7.30 The Duenna Act 1. Opera by Roberto Gerhard. Libretto by the composer, after Sheridan. Conducted by David Atherton.
8.35 Joaquin Miller.
9.05 The Duenna Acts 2 and 3. †
10.25 Gustav Leonhardt Organ recital: Bach records. †
11.00 News.
11.05-11.15 Nielsen on record. †
VHF 5.55-7.55am and 11.15pm-11.55 Open University.



Nerys Hughes in the play *Warren (Radio 4, 2.30 pm)*



Joan Greenwood: Leave it to Psmith (Radio 4, 8.00pm)

Radio 2

5.00 Tony Brandon.† 7.30 David Jacobs.† 9.30 Pete Murray.† 11.00 The Kenny Everett Show (new series).† 1.00 Punch Lines. 1.30 Sport on 2: Football; Racing; Tennis. 6.00 Country Style. 7.00 Jazz Score. 7.30 Davis Cup Special. 10.00 Nordring 1981. † 11.2 *Sports Desk 11.10 Peter Marshall.*† 2.00-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

5.00 As Radio 2. 7.00 Playground. *8.00 Tony Blackburn.* 10.00 Steve Wright. 1.00 Adrian Juste.† 2.00 A King in New York.† 2.05 Paul Gambaccini.† 4.00 Walters' Weekly.† 5.00 Rock on.† 6.30 In Concert.† 7.30 Close.

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As London except: Starts 9.10 am Better Read. 9.35-10.00 Flying Kiwi. 8.05 pm-9.00 Hagen. 11.25 Closedown.

ATV
As London except: Starts 9.10 am Better Read. 9.35-10.00 Welcome Back, Kotter. 11.25 pm Portrait of a Legend: Olivia Newton-John. 11.55 Closedown.

ULSTER
10.00am-10.30 Clapperboard. 8.05pm-9.00 Incredible Hulk. 11.25 Bedtime, Closedown.

SCOTTISH
As London except: Starts 9.05 am Better Read. 9.35-10.00 Welcome Back, Kotter. 11.25 pm Late Call. 11.30 Musical Special. 12.25 am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN
As London except: Starts 9.10am Joe 90. 9.35-10.00 Cur Car. 8.05pm-9.00 Hawaii Five-O 12.25am Reflections. 12.30 Closedown.

GRANADA
As London except: Starts 9.35 am-10.00 Joe 90. 8.05 pm-9.00 Streets of San Francisco. 11.25 Palace Presents: Diahann Carroll. 12.20 am Hammer House of Horror: Mark of Satan. 1.25 Closedown.

SOUTHERN
As London except: Starts 9.00 am-10.00 Thunderbirds. 11.25 pm News. 11.30 Paris. 12.25 am Weather followed by Pilgrim.



Miriam Margolyes: Take a Letter Mr Jones (ITV, 7.35 pm)

CHANNEL
As London except: Starts 12.30 pm World of Sport. 11.25 Hammer House of Horror: Rude Awakening. 12.20 am. Closedown.

Steve Jones: He is the host for The Pyramid Game: (ITV, 5.40 pm)

HTV
As London except: Starts 9.10am Target Bowls. 9.35-10.00 Further Adventures of Oliver Twist. 8.05-9.00 Hawaii Five-O 11.25 Lou Grant 12.25am Closedown

HTV CYMRU/WALES
As HTV West except: 5.05-5.35 Ras Sgwar

YORKSHIRE
As London except: Starts 9.00am Better Read 9.25 Cartoon. 9.35-10.00 Sha Na Na. 11.25 Hammer House Of Horror: Thirteenth Reunion (Julia Foster) 12.25am Closedown.

TYNE TEES
As London except: Starts 9.00 am Cartoon. 9.15 Herculoids. 9.40-10.30 Thunderbirds. 11.25 pm Monte Carlo Show: Neil Sedaka. 12.20 am Three's Company. 12.30 Closedown.

WESTWARD
As London except: Starts 9.25am Look and See. 9.30 Stingray. 9.55-10.00 Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 11.25pm Hammer House of Horror: Rude Awakening. 12.20am Faith for Life. 12.25 Closedown.

ANGLIA
As London except: Starts 9.00 am-10.00 Sesame Street. 12.45 am At the End of the Day.

CHOICE

Jeremy Beadle: Game for a Laugh (ITV, 6.10pm)

● It is a particularly good day for movies on television. Fred Zinnemann's **JULIA** (ITV, 9.15), apart from being one of the most stylishly photographed films of the past decade, is also an outstanding example of how a highly intelligent director can rein in emotional *performers (Vanessa Redgrave,* Jane Fonda) who might otherwise have broken into a gallop and taken themselves — and the movie — into the graveyard of films that tried too hard. Mel Brooks's **THE PRODUCERS** (BBC 2, 11.20pm) bolts away *in that same direction and the director is happy not to do* anything to restrain it. But, hate it or love it, there has never been a, comedy *quite like it.* Wellman's **A STAR IS BORN** (BBC 2, 3.55pm) has *nothing to compare* with the heartbreak of the Garland re-make or the garishness of the Streisand re-make, but it is better written (Dorothy Parker had a hand in the screenplay) and, in its own unspectacular black-and-white way, made the cinema's definitive statement about the fickleness of showbusiness fame. I must also remind you that the Bill Douglas *trilogy ends tonight with* **MY WAY HOME** (BBC 2, 10.05pm).

● **MIKE YARWOOD IN PERSONS** (BBC 1, 8.00pm) and **PARKINSON** (BBC 1, 9.35) both return tonight. Mr Parkinson's guest is David Niven. He has appeared in this show so often that he could qualify for the *title of raconteur-in-residence.* I'm surprised Mr Parkinson was not more adventurous in his choice of *subject for his opening show.* Are there no other famous story-tellers *in the world* apart from Mr Niven and Peter Ustinov? At least with Mike Yarwood, there is the element of unpredictability about his show. Into whose skin, one wonders, has he climbed since the end of his last series. Is there no limit to this *phenomenon's gift for self-effacement?*

● As is only right and proper, Radio 4 has mustered a first division cast for Michael Bakewell's adaptation of Wodehouse's **LEAVE IT TO PSMITH** (8.00pm). Gielgud, as Wodehouse, narrates; Simon Ward is Psmith, Michael Hordern is Lord Emsworth, Joan Greenwood is Lady Constance and Caroline Langrishe is Eve.

● The day's other major spoken-word attraction on radio is **FIGHTING TALK** (Radio 4, 10.15pm) in which Jack Jones, *seasoned campaigner for* pensioners' rights, takes part in a studio debate chaired by Desmond Wilcox. Mr Jones will argue for a militant old age. You might have been lucky enough to catch Judi Dench doing much the same thing the other night in one of Peter *Barnes's radio pieces for solo voice.*

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO ★ BLACK AND WHITE: (r) REPEAT

BBC 1

9.00 Mister Men for the very young. **9.15 Wake up** *Sunday:* Songs, and stories, from Dana and the Brown Brothers (r). **9.35 Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan:** for Asian viewers. **10.05** Closedown. **12.15 Day One:** Religious affairs magazine: with Sally Magnusson and Barry Lynch. **1.00** Farming. **1.25 Mr Smith's Fruit** *Garden: Geoffrey Smith among the peaches.* **1.50** News headlines. **1.55 Film: Eureka Stockade*** (1948) Drama about the 1853 Australian gold rush and the rebellious gold-diggers who, under the banner of The Southern Cross, took up arms against the authorities. Starring Chips Rafferty, Peter Illing, Jane Barrett, Jack Lambert, and a young Gordon Jackson and Peter Finch. Director: Harry Watt. **3.35 Mickey and Donald:** cartoons from the Disney studios.

4.00 Grandstand: Europe's richest horse race — the £190,000 first-prize Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, run at Longchamps. Also, the Marlboro British Formula Three *Championship, from Silverstone.*
5.05 Rolf's Here! OK? Singing, acting, painting, at Hatfield First and Middle School, Sheffield.
5.35 News: with Jan Leeming. And weather.
5.45 Great Expectations: Episode one of a new serial version of the Dickens novel. Graham McGrath plays Pip, Stratford Johns is Magwitch.
6.40 Songs of Praise: From St Paul's, Jarrow, where Bede worshipped.
7.15 Film: The War Lord (1965) Intelligently made historical epic (it's set in Middle Ages Normandy) with Charlton Heston, in the title role, demanding the enjoyment of another man's wife (Rosemary Forsyth). Also starring Richard Boone and Guy Stockwell. Director: Franklin Schaffer.
9.15 Mastermind: Tonight's specialized subjects are: the Battle of Waterloo; life and times of Chaucer; life and times of Bess of Hardwick; and American gangsters between 1919 and 1939.
9.45 Blood Money: episode 5. Terrorists have kidnapped a young lad, son of a United Nations high-up. Internal bickering threatens to wreck their vicious enterprise.
10.15 News: with Jan Leeming.
10.30 The Preachers: Norman Rodway, as John Bunyan, delivers a sermon based on Bunyan's writings.
11.00 Barbara Mandrell: The American country music star's guests are Dolly Parton and John Schneider (Dukes of Hazzard).
11.40 16 Up: The rights of young people who are *picked up by the police and taken in for* questioning. Closedown at 12.10am.

BBC 2

7.40 Open University. Subjects include Cars (at 7.40), Actress at Risk (9.20); Unions (international comparisons) at 9.45, The Crossman Legacy (1.05) and The Major Histocompatibility Complex (at 1.30). Ends at 1.55; **3.05 The New** *Foresters: Life in the New Forest.* The marketing of the timber that grows there — and the many uses made of it; **3.35 Film: Birth of the Blues*** (1941) Bing Crosby musical. He plays the leader of an all-white Dixie Band. Mary Martin plays his girl-friend. Also starring Brian Donlevy, Carolyn Lee, Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, Jack Teagarden and J. Carrol Naish.

4.00 Film: Birth of the Blues (continued).
5.00 Rugby Special: Llanelli versus Neath, from Stradey Park. Also *news about the Scottish Leagues* matches.
6.00 News Review: Highlights of the big news stories of the week. With sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
6.30 The Money Programme: New series begins. Includes Moneymaker, a new guide to savings; and Moneyweek, a computer review of the week's financial news.
7.15 The BBC Television Shakespeare: Othello. Anthony Hopkins plays the title role, Bob *Hoskins plays* Iago, Penelope Wilton is Desdemona. Resumes, after a break, at 9.05.
9.00 News: with Jan Leeming.
9.05 The BBC Television Shakespeare: Othello *(continued).*
10.45 Film: Nasty Habits (1976) Screen version of Muriel Spark's strange novel The Abbess of Crewe. Substitute Glenda Jackson's nun for Richard Nixon's president, and you've got a satire on the Watergate affair, with dirty work at the convent substituting for dirty work in the White House. Also starring Melina Mercouri, Geraldine Page, Sandy Dennis, Anne Jackson, Edith Evans and Susan Penhaligon. Rip Torn and Eli Wallach play the main male roles.

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9.05 A Better Read; Best-selling books. **9.30 The Lost Islands:** drama about some marooned boys. **10.00 Morning Worship:** Mass from Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire. **11.00 Getting On:** How the elerly can get more out of life. **11.30 Stingray:** A tale of ships that disappear (r). **12.00 Weekend World:** *Brian Walden interviews Michael Foot, Labour Party* leader. **1.00 Police 5:** Shaw Taylor is the link between Scotland Yard and the man in the street. **1.15 Cartoon. 1.30 University Challenge:** the general knowledge quiz. **2.00 Happy Days:** A beautiful woman takes an interest in Richie (Ron Howard). **2.30 The Big Match:** Highlights from league games played yesterday. **3.30 The Muppet Show:** with Cheryl Ladd (r).

4.00 Film: Battle of the V1 (1958) Wartime drama about the Polish Resistance, and British Intelligence's bid to destroy Hitler's flying bombs. With Michael Rennie, Christopher Lee, Patricia Medina, David Knight and Esmond Knight. Director: Vernon Sewell.
6.00 Your 100 Best Hymns: Choirs, soloists — and actor Ian Ogilvy. Includes the Taverner Choir.
6.30 News from ITN.
6.40 Devil's Advocate: Unemployed young people *unburden themselves to Gus Macdonald.*
7.15 Magnum: The private eye is hired to uncover the source of some extortion threats. With Tom Selleck as Magnum.
8.15 Pig in the Middle: Susan (Joanna van Gyseghem) is convinced that her husband (Terence Brady) has undergone a change of sex. She decides to stay with her mother until *the shock of the discovery has passed.*
8.45 News from ITN.
9.00 The Professionals: A killer of policeman (Roger Lloyd Pack) hold an innocent girl captive. But the one thing that Cowley, Doyle and Bodie would like to know is: who is the killer's real target? With Gordon Jackson, Martin Shaw and Lewis Collins.
10.00 Winston Churchill — The Wilderness Years: All Churchill's energies are devoted to publicising the threat posed by Nazi Germany. He has inside information about the arms build-up, and MPs are alarmed by it. Also in this episode (part five): *MacDonald resigns,* and it's victory for Baldwin. Robert Hardy plays Churchill.
11.00 In a Different World: The awful truth about the addiction called glue-sniffing.
11.30 The Palace Presents: Variety show, with Jack Jones, Vikki Carr, Lou Rawls and Edie Fisher.
12.30 Close: With Shirley Williams.

Radio 4

6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Morning has Broken.
6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.10 Sunday Papers.
8.00 News.
8.10 Sunday Papers.
8.15 Sunday.
8.50 Week's Good Cause.
8.55 Weather.
9.00 News.
9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter from America.
9.30 Morning Service.
10.15 The Archers.
11.15 Weekend.
12.00 Earthsearch† (Part 5).
12.30 The Food Programme.
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World this Weekend.
2.00 News.
2.02 Gardeners' Question Time.
2.30 Play:† "The Balkan Trilogy" by Olivia Manning (1).
4.00 News.
4.02 Origins (series). Archaeology (6).
4.30 The Living World.
5.00 News.
5.05 Down your Way.
5.55 Weather.
6.00 News.
6.15 Give or Take† (series).
6.45 Friend of the Earth: St Francis of Assisi.
7.30 *Bookshelf (new series).*
8.00 Music to Remember† BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra concert.
9.00 News.
9.02 Lost Horizon† (Last part.)
9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 Priestland's Progress: (3) The *Mysterious Mover.*
11.00 Before the Ending of the Day.
11.15 The Callow Hill Class.
12.00 News and Weather.
VHF: 7.15 am: Open University. 4.00 pm: Study on 4.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Dvorak's Chamber Music (series): records played by members of the Smetena String Quartet, Klaus Storck (cello), Karl Engel (piano) and Josef Suk (violin).†
9.00 News.
9.05 Your Concert Choice: Vaughan Williams, Myaskovsky, Schumann.†
10.30 Music Weekly introduced by Michael Oliver. Includes the Musicians' Bookshelf and Bernard Keeffe on orchestras and their distinctive sounds.†
11.20 Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Act 3 of "Siegfried."†
12.45 Words (series) (4).
12.50 Itzhak Perlman. Part 1: Mozart, Strauss.†
1.35 Breaking Cover by Manny Draycott.
1.55 Itzhak Perlman. Recital, part 2: Debussy, Paganini arr Auer.†
2.50 Georg Philipp Telemann "Die *Tageszeiten*" (the Times of Day).†
3.55 Mendelssohn and Chopin Piano Recital.†
4.45 Proms 81. Concert recorded on July 26 in the Round House. Part 1: Roger Mash, Pousseur.†
5.45 Proms 81, part 2: Nigel Osborne, William Brooks.
6.30 Benny Goodman and Friends in Concert.†
7.25 Gulliver's Travels (new series). A four-part dramatization (1): "A Voyage to Lilliput."†
9.00 Northern Sinfonia Orchestra Concert: Cimarosa, C. P. E. Bach, Bloch, Michael Haydn.†
10.00 Benson and Hedges Gold Award 1981 for Concert Singers. Part of the finalists' recitals given yesterday at Snape Maltings, Suffolk.†
11.00 News.
11.05 Messiaen on record. Played by John Ogdon (piano). Regard du Fils sur le Fils.†
VHF: OPEN UNIVERSITY: 5.55-7.55 am and 11.15-11.55 pm.

Radio 2

5.00 Tony Brandon.† 7.30 Nick Page.† *9.00 David Jacobs.*† 11.00 Desmond Carrington (new series).† 12.00 Paul Daniels (new series).† 1.30 Doddy's Different Show (new series).† 2.00 Benny Green.† 3.00 Sport on 2 Special: Davis Cup; Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. 5.00 Comedy Classics (new series): "The Navy Lark". 5.30 Charlie Chester. 6.30 Acker's 'Alf 'Our. 7.00 Brain of Sport 1981. 7.30 Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 Your 100 Best Tunes. 10.00 Europe 81: Nordring Roundabout.† 11.02 Sports Desk. 11.05 Pete Murray.† 2.00-5.00am You and the Night and the Music.†

Frank Finlay: Gulliver's Travels (Radio 3, 7.25pm)

Radio 1

8.00 Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Noel Edmonds. 1.00 Jimmy Savile. 3.00 Studio B15: Ring 01-580 4411. 5.00 Top 40.† 7.00 Alexis Korner.† 8.00 Sounds of Jazz.† 10.00 Close.

VHF Radios 1 and 2: 5.00am With Radio 2. 3.00pm Two's Best.† 4.00 Sing Something Simple.† 4.30 String Sound.† 5.00 With Radio 1. 10.00-5.00am With Radio 2.

World Service

BBC World service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave 648 kHz (463m) at the following times GMT: 6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News about Britain. 7.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 7.45 Leave It to Psmith. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the *British Press. 9.15 People and Politics.* 9.45 Sports Review. 10.15 The Waltz. 10.30 Sunday Service. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Play of the Week. 12.30 Baker's Half-Dozen. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 Good Books. 1.30 Short Story. 1.45 The Sandi Jones Request Show. 2.30 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C. Potter. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 From the Promenade Concerts *4.00 World News.* 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Commentary. 8.15 Letterbox. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 The Art of Biography. 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 10.00 World News. 10.09 Science in Action. 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sportscall. 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America 11.30 From the Promenade Concerts. 12.00 World News 12.09 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1.00 Songs for the Times. 1.45 How to Write A Short Story. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 The Waltz. 2.30 Wuthering Heights. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 Bringing the Past to Life. 4.45 Notes from an Observer. 4.50 Paperback Choice. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The Art of Biography

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CHANNEL
As London except: Starts 2.00 pm-2.30 Father, Dear Father. 3.30 Film: Hell Drivers* (Stanley Baker) Feuding lorry drivers in action. 5.30-6.00 Muppet Show. 11.30 International Darts. 12.00 Epilogue, Closedown.

TYNE TEES
As London except: 9.05 am Television Programme. 9.30-10.00 Me And My Camera. 11.30-12.00 Better Read. 1.00 pm World Worth Keeping. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 New Kind Of Family. 2.30 Shoot! 3.30 Film: When The Legends Die: Western. 5.28 News. 5.30-6.00, *Muppet Show. 11.30 Hagen. 12.30 am* Brenda McDermott. 12.35 Closedown.

SOUTHERN
As London except: 9.30 am -10.00 Bread And Circuses. 11.33-12.00 Mork And Mindy. 1.00 pm Chips. 1.55 Farm *Progress.* 2.20-2.30 Cartoon 4.00 Film. Trader Horn (Rod Taylor). 5.55-6.00 News. 11.30 Hammer House Of Horror: Mark of Satan. 12.30 am Weather followed by Pilgrim and Closedown.

BORDER
As London except: Starts 9.30 am-10.00 Paint Along With Nancy. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Today. 1.00 pm Clifton House Mystery. 1.25 Border Diary. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Welcome To The Ceilidh. 2.30 Film: Wild Heart. (Jennifer Jones, David Farrar). Nineteenth century romance. 4.00 Scotsport. 5.00 Wild, Wild World of Animals. *5.30-6.00 Muppet* Show. 11.30 Closedown

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.30 am-10.00 Paint along with Nancy. 11.30-12.00 Spread Your Wings. 1.00 pm Flying Kiwi. 1.30 Weather. 1.35 Farming Diary. 2.05 Laurel and Hardy.* 2.30 Match of the Week. 3.30 How the West Was Won. 5.30-6.00 Muppet Show. 11.30 Star Parade: Manhattan *Transfer. 12.30 am* Bible for Today.

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.00am Getting On. 9.25 Wild, Wild World of Animals. 9.55-10.00 Dick Tracy. 1.00 Yorkshire Steam. 11.30-12.00 Farming Diary. 1.00pm Clifton House Mysteries. 1.30 Thunderbirds. 2.30 Big Game. 3.30 Film: I Will Fight No More For Ever (James Whitmore, Sam Elliott). Western. 5.30-6.00 Muppet Show. 11.30 Five Minutes. 11.35 Hagen. 12.30 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 9.30am Better Read. 10.00 Cities: Stockholm. 10.50-11.00 Cartoon. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Today. 1.00pm Clifton House Mysteries. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Sunday Special. 2.15 Natural Environment. 2.30 Time of Your Lives. 3.00 Golf: USA v Rest of the World. 4.00 Scotsport. 5.00 Laurel and Hardy* 5.30-6.00 Muppet Show. 11.30 Reflections. 11.35 Snooker. 12.20am Closedown.

ATV
As London except: 9.00 am Farming Today. 9.30-10.00 Paint along with Nancy. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Today. 1.00 pm Thunderbirds. 2.00 Star Soccer. 3.00 Film: Waterloo (Rod Steiger, Christopher Plummer). Napoleon's campaign in Europe. 5.30-6.00 Muppet Show. 11.30 Monte Carlo *Show: Liberace. 12.30 am Closedown.*

SCOTTISH
As London except: 9.30 am Devil's Advocate. 10.00 Clegg's People. 10.25 Wattoo Wattoo. 10.35-11.00 Flying Kiwi. 11.30-12.00 Me and my Camera. 1.00 pm Farming Outlook. 1.30 One in a Hundred. 2.00 World Famous Fairytales. 2.15 Glen Michael Cavalcade. 3.00-3.30 Bless Me Father. 4.00 Scotsport. 5.00-6.00 Incredible Hulk. 6.40-7.15 That's the Spirit. 11.00 Showcase Theatre. 11.30 In a Different World. 12.00 Oscar Peterson. 12.30 am Late Call. 12.35 Closedown.

GRANADA
As London except: 9.30 am-10.00 Better Read. 11.00 This Is Your Right. 12.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30-12.00 Down to Earth. 1.00 pm Cabbages and Kings 1.30 Thunderbirds. 2.30 Match Time. 3.35 Film: Of Mice and Men. 5.30-6.00 Muppet Show. 11.30 Bluey. 12.30 am Closedown.

HTV
As London except: 9.00am-10.00 Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 Better Read. 1.00pm Out of Town. 1.30 West Country Farming. 2.00-2.30 World We Live In. 3.30 Porky Pig. 3.4[illegible] Film: North to Alaska (John Hayne, Stewart Granger). Goldrush melodrama. 5.30-6.00 Muppet Show. 11.30 Film: Melody *of Hate (Susan Flammery, Keith Baxter).* A widow's husband reappears just as she is about to remarry. . . .

HTV CYMRU/WALES
As London except: 5.30pm-6.00 Cymorth.

ULSTER
As London except: Start 11.00am Getting On. 11.30-12.00 Better Read. 12.58pm News. 1.00 Clifton House Mystery. 1.30 Farming Ulster. 2.00-2.30 *Big Country.* 3.30 Film: Appointment With Venus (David Nixon, Glynnis Johns). Wartime Comedy. *5.00 Ulster Air Show. 5.30-6.00 Muppet Show. 11.30 Sports Results. 11.35 Bedtime, Closedown.

WESTWARD
As London except: Starts 9.30-10.00am Getting On. 11.00 Better Read. 11.30-12.00 Clifton House Mystery. 1.00pm Enterprise. 1.30 Farm and Country News. 2.00-2.30 Father Dear Father. 3.30 Film: Hell Drivers* (Stanley Baker). 11.30 International Darts. 12.00 Faith For Life. 12.06am Closedown.

CHOICE



Anthony Hopkins in Shakespeare's Othello (BBC2, 7.15pm)

● **OTHELLO** (BBC 2, 7.15 pm) is a Jonathan Miller production, and because Mr Miller is noted for taking Shakespeare conventions by the tail and tweaking them until it hurts, don't be surprised if you find yourself involuntarily giving a sympathetic yelp, too. Mr Miller's Moor (Anthony Hopkins) is not all shiny ebony, like Olivier's. "Your son-in-law is far more fair than black", says the Duke to the outraged Brabantio, admittedly passing more of a moral judgment than anything else. But the skin of Mr Hopkins's Othello is indubitably lightly tanned, so the judgment fits however it was intended. Then there is Bob Hoskins's Iago. No oily, sly and secretive villain he, hissing viperously in the shadows, but a plump and chortling mischief-maker who revels in the jape of poisoning minds. I was initially worried about *Mr Hopkins. In the early scenes, he* sounds like an unenthusiastic actor at a first read-through of his lines. When he eventually ignites ("The Turks are drowned!") it is as if a rocket has gone off under his breast-plate, and his subsequent crumbling is pitiful in the traditional epic style.

● **DAY ONE** (BBC 1, 12.15), the new fortnightly religious affairs programme, began respectably but dully two weeks ago, and the two presenters, Barry Lynch and Sally Magnusson looked a little apprehensive I thought. Today's edition, on paper, sounds promising. It includes a rare report from Albania where religion has officially been abolished since 1967.

● Ronald Mason's four-part production of **GULLIVER'S** *TRAVELS (Radio 3, 7.25 pm)* begins auspiciously with Man Mountain amid the Lilliputians. Just about everything in Michael Bakewell's adaptation of Jonathan Swift's satirical adventure story is exactly right: the right Gulliver (Frank Finlay, a sober-sides as Swift intended); the right supporting cast (Stephen Thorne's emperor, Andrew Sach's Marsi and Peter Woodthorpe's Reldresal suggest smallness without putting on silly Chipmunk voices), the right musical score (by Humphrey Searle) and the right sound-effects (pinging of arrows against Gulliver's spectacles Gulliver's urinating over the blazing royal palace). So highly does Mr Bakewell respect Swift's text that the inventory of articles in Gulliver's pockets is left in, almost intact. Swift himself said the chief end he had in mind in writing Gulliver's Travels was to vex the world rather than divert it. Tonight's play, I am *delighted to report, turns that* master plan upside down.



The birthday celebration of a wary bloodhound

Which would you rather, or go fishing? Michael Hordern has no difficulty answering the old non-*sense question* (Philip Howard writes). We went to take his photograph for his seventieth birthday, *and Peter Trievnor, our* shutter-clicker, asked him what he liked doing best. Hordern replied that he *liked fishing even better than acting.* Trievnor bundled him into his car and drove him 60 miles on a filthy day to the River Lambourn, which runs through the garden of Hordern's country cottage. So here is our most intelligent actor of high comedy drawing a judicious fly across the surface of the water, with *that face of a wary bloodhound that* expects the worst and is seldom disappointed. Dear Prospero has *delighted us in hundreds of parts* that he has made his own. Remember George Moore, the moral philosopher professor, in *Jumpers*, and the septuagenarian agnostic vicar in *Flint*?

He fell in love with fishing and all country matters as a lad on Dartmoor. He goes back to the river Dart every year. Apart from the fish, how about the acting? "Just exhibitionism I suppose. Or was it because *I wanted to hide behind somebody* else's character, because I had not much character myself?" I doubt it, Michael, I doubt it. For his birthday today he is riding around Smithfield, dressed up as Cedric, for an epic joust-and-fair-maidens film of *Ivanhoe*. In the evening—the river, of course. An actor carves in water. Fishing may be more fun. But today the fish and the rest of us, whose lives have been enriched by Hordern *characters, thank our stars that he* can sometimes tear himself away from the river.

Frank Johnson on the Labour conference at Brighton

Shall old acquaintance be flogged and flayed

Yesterday's closing session consisted of those final Labour Conference rituals which, even for an opponent *of Socialism, always* have a curiously moving quality: the Red Flag, Auld Lang Syne, the chairman's farewell address, the translation of the chairman's farewell address from the Glaswegian, one last, *nostalgic row over whether a* frightful young man in tee-shirt and jeans has a right to put a point of order virtually after the conference had ended, and a closing debate accusing the police of brutality.

As an ultimate sentimental touch, Mr Benn declined to *link arms with the front row* and joined Bennites at the back of the platform.

This final session, then, shows the Labour Party at its best. It must never be forgotten that, whatever they say, the things that divide the party are much greater than the things that unite it. Labour *may have had its moments of* unity this week, gleefully exaggerated by the media, but the fact is it left Brighton yesterday in a shambles. That is as the participants would have wished it. That kind of thing is what brought them into the movement in the first place. So, as it always does, the annual Labour Conference had a happy ending.

When the last session got *under way, Mr Alex Kitson,* the chairman, brought to a climax a personally triumphant week by reading out a list of lost property which included a set of false teeth. Either that, or he was announcing the first prize in one of the party's numerous fund-raising competitions. Going, going, gone: a pair of false teeth, knocked out of the mouth of Mr Kinnock by Mrs Beckett at the Tribune meeting only two nights before, slightly soiled but still usable. *Or a favourite pair of the* chairman's own false teeth which he had worn throughout *his fifty years* in the Labour movement, which once belonged to Keir Hardie, who in turn was entrusted them by Annie Laurie, the actual mashers through which *Kitson's Caledonian comments* had reached a bemused English nation on television all week. But the teeth went unclaimed.

And so to the debate on the inner cities and the role therein of the constabulary. Mr Mike Petrov, of Streatham, moving the relevant motion, said it was not anti-police and neither was the party an anti-police party. This was undoubtedly true. Indeed, many *members of the Labour party* strongly believe in the police even to the extent of being in favour of a police state.

But in a heart-warming display, delegate after delegate came to the rostrum to put in a bad word for the British bobby.

Mr John Scott, of Lancaster, *said he was probably unique* at the conference in that he was a retired police officer. We must hope that he was not right about this and that the conference in fact had been infiltrated by large numbers of under-cover members of the Special Branch. Mr Scott assured a delighted audience that "while this is a generalization and there are many people who are not racially prejudiced and not politically prejudiced, the great majority of the police are". He was a great success *with the delegates,* very much their kind of copper.

Mr Sydney Bidwell, MP for Southall, thought that the answer was for the police, who he said were drawn from the working class, to form a free trade union and affiliate to the TUC. He did not explain why joining the TUC makes people less violent. Presumably, during the resultant go-slows, policemen would hit people more slowly.

But Mr Bidwell did not think this alone would be enough. *He also called for more* "multi-racial, multi-lingual police". But again he did not prove that more Gujarati-speaking Rastafarian rozzers would be less likely to be brutal. *Are the peelers* less violent in the West Indies or the sub-continent? Do Hindu Dixons disperse the latter region's frequent communal disturbances with an amiable but firm cry of: "Move along *there please?" Don't they* just open fire, or wade in with sticks? More research is needed here.

The debate proceeded with the traditional mention of alienation, monetarism, unemployment the absence of crèche facilities and all the other reasons why Britons *have historically taken to the* streets to loot and pillage. Who can forget the burning down of Jarrow in 1930?

Soon it was time for the singing and the final scenes of disunity, but not before the tee-shirt and jeans had tried to raise one last point of order. This gave the chairman, Mr Kitson, one final opportunity to tell someone to get lost. The chairman also *explained to the* affronted delegate that in any case it was time for the chairman's farewell. The delegate left the rostrum with a nostalgic shout of: "Well, all right, if the conference prefers to listen to those facetious platitudes."

Mr Kitson has never been *guilty of a facetious platitude* in his life. For one thing, it does not bear thinking how *he would pronounce it.* With characteristic good humour, he mused on the fact that all week the press had been making much of his Glaswegian sound. There was only one problem. He was not a Glaswegian. We knew that. But we like to think he is one of nature's Glaswegians.

"My accent will never change," he rasped. "I have seen too many accents change." *This produced* a burst of applause. A Labour annual conference thus *ended on* a note of class rancour and the implication of the continuing, ever present danger of class betrayal. That was somehow as it should be.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Talks, lectures

"Art Deco" by John Compton, 12; "Old and Modern Masters of *Photography*" by Jeffrey Morris, 2.30; "Contemporary Furniture" by John Compton, 3, Victoria and Albert Museum.

Patsy Vanags on "Women in the Greek World", 11.30; "Augustus: Image of an Emperor", 2.30; British Museum.

"Rubens" by Colin Wiggins, National Gallery, 12.

"The Plains Indians of Canada" colour films and slides, Horniman Museum, London Road, Forest Hill, 3.

"Growth in Confidence through the Arts", National Conference of the British Institute for the Study of the Arts in Therapy, Christchurch, 27 Blackfriars Road, 9.30.

"Bagpipes and their Ancestors" an illustrated lecture-recital by Michael and Doreen *Muskett, Purcell Room, 7.30.*

"Female Inspiration in Art" by Laurence Bradbury, Tate Gallery, 3.

A New Look at Human Evolution, British Museum, Natural History, Cromwell Road, 3.

Sundials to Atomic Clocks, Science Museum, 3.

Old and Modern Masters of *Photography Exhibition:* Myth and Meaning in Pictures, Victoria and Albert Museum, 2.30.

Dog *show:* Hammersmith Canine Society open show, Hanwell Community Centre, Westcott Crescent, 10.

Cat show: Long-Haired Cat Club show, Old Town Hall, Kings Road, Chelsea, 12.

Great Hollycombe Steam Fair, Hollycombe House, Liphook, Hampshire; including Sunday.

Recitals on early musical instruments, *10.30, 11.30, 12.30, 1.30,* 2.30, 3.30, 4.30 and 5.30, New Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square.

Exhibitions

Brancusi's Photography, Dudley *Central Museum and Art Gallery,* St James Road, West Midlands, 10-5.

War Photographs by Cecil Beaton, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, 10-5.30.

Gouaches by Jane O'Malley, small metal boxes in mixed metals by Cornelis Van Dop and ceramics by Stephen Humm of the White Horse Pottery, Whittox *Gallery, 59 Catherine Street,* Froome, Somerset, 11-4.

Hungarian watercolours, Bankside, 48 Hopton Street, 10-5.

National children's exhibition, Mall, Gallery, The Mall, 10-1.

Walks

Ye Olde Worlde of Charles Dickens, meet St Paul's, 2.30.

Fleet Street and the Inns of *Court, meet Temple station,* 2.

Inns of Court-lawyers' London, meet Blackfriars station, 2.

Memorial service

Professor May McKisack, Somerville College, Oxford, 2.30.

Tomorrow

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Army Education Corps, visits Berlin.

Mad Hatter's tea party, with TV Tiswas in charge, Coconut Grove, 3-5 Barret Street, 3.

Dog show: PDSA-sponsored show, with guest appearance of the 1981 Crufts supreme champion, *Crystal Palace Park, Concert Bowl* area, 12.

Music and comedy about British waterways: Mud in Your Eye, Porta-a-Bella Dock, Ladbroke Grove, 7.30.

Royal British Legion Boys Band and Corps of Drums, Queen's Theatre, Billet Lane, Hornchurch, Essex, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

"Education: Why and How?" by T. F. Evans, South Place Ethical Society, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, 11.

"Growth in Confidence through the Arts", National Conference of the British Institute for the Study of the Arts in Therapy, Christchurch, 27 Blackfriars Road, 9.30.

"Alive and Composing", a celebration of music by living composers, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Barbican, 12-9.

Walks

Kenneth Williams and nurses from Greater London and Home Counties take part in sponsored *walk for Save the Children Fund* Stop Polio Campaign, Richmond Green to Kingston Bridge, 11.

Picturesque Hampstead village *and rustic heath, meet Hampstead* station, 11.

Evil London—crime through the ages, meet St Paul's station, 2.

Along the Regent's Canal to Islington, meet Camden Town station, 2.30.

Theatrical London: Covent Garden, meet Leicester Square station, 11.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15,644

ACROSS

1 Mad, changing *it* into foreign currency (7).
5 His business is starting to grow (7).
9 Tend to reduce ill-feeling, one hopes (5).
10 Johnson's patriotic refugee? (9).
11 Stays in bed as I might do (6).
12 Give false account of motorway's condition (8).
14 Colourful leader, it is believed (5).
15 Disaster for Mr Craig on mountain (5,4).
18 Central European girl with letter to Fleming (9).
20 Driver shouldn't do this stroke at wicket (3,2).
22 Meet pack animal (8).
24 Demanding, like Martin Luther, perhaps (6).
26 Backing a plot? Board is undecided (9).
27 Unemployed chap in dire trouble — about fifty (5).
28 Take steps about arbitration official's introductory statement (7).
29 Outfit for one's birthday (7).

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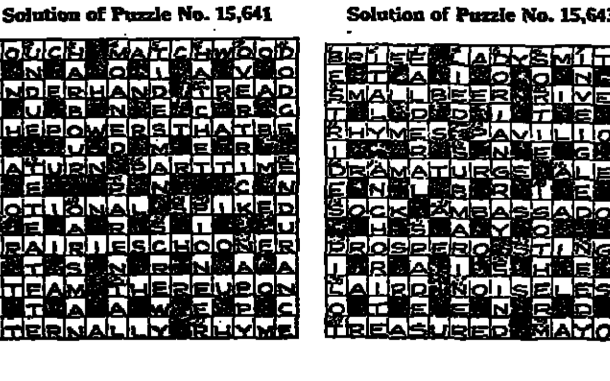
1 Entertainer also seen in France, possibly (3-6).
2 Look over row in transport undertaking (7).
3 Thus reads the engineer's warning, of course (9).
4 Firm appears to silence striker (4).
5 *Food for one in six children* (10).
6 Name used alternately by jargoneers (5).
7 Note in Rent Act causes storm (7).
8 Poet to read in April — Keats (5).
13 Deed upset island, giving grounds for prosecution (10).
16 Need to have no legal knowledge? (9).
17 Household about to include one place for animals (9).
19 Open to accusation involving duties, perhaps? (7).
21 Notes one of the family group (7).
22 So bored after a session of cramming (3,2).
23 Is to ruin a town in ancient Italy (5).
25 Fish skin, say? (4).

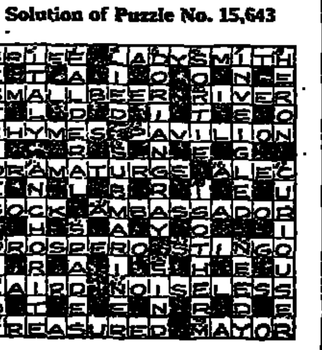
A prize of The Times Atlas of the World *(comprehensive edition) will be given for the first correct solution opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winner and solution will be published next Saturday. The winner of last Saturday's competition is Mr J. Lawrence, 66, Queen's Crescent, London, NW3.*

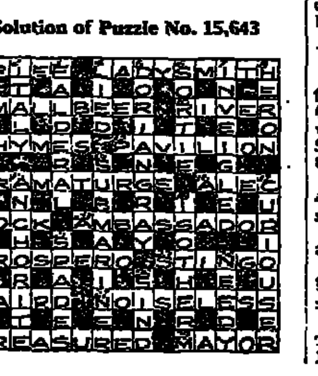
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The Times list of best-selling books

Natural history			
1 Wildlife Sketch Book	Keith Brockie	Dent	£8.50
2 Beningfield's Countryside	Gordon Beningfield	Allen Lane	£8.95
3 *Life On Earth*	*David Attenborough*	*Fontana*	£3.95
4 Natural History of Selborne	Gilbert White	Penguin	95p
5 Gem Guide to Wild Flowers		Collins	£1.75
Children's activity books			
1 You Can Do the Cube	Patrick Bossert	Puffin	80p
2 Crossword Activity Book		Ladybird	40p
3 Puzzles Activity Book		Ladybird	40p
4 Free Stuff for Kids		Exley	£1.95
5 Paul Daniel's Magic Book	Paul Daniels	Picolo	75p

The Times list is based on trade sales through Hammick's to 400 bookshops *and verified retail sales through eight Hammick's bookshops and 20 others.*

The Pound

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.66	1.59
Austria Sch	31.40	29.30
Belgium Fr	78.50	74.50
Canada $	2.27	2.18
Denmark Kr	13.85	13.15
Finland Mkk	8.57	8.12
France Fr	10.50	10.00
Germany DM	4.41	4.17
Greece Dr	110.00	104.00
Hongkong $	11.50	10.90
Italy Lira	2210.00	2110.00
Japan Yen	448.00	422.00
Netherlands Gld	4.88	4.64
Norway Kr	11.22	10.62
Portugal Esc	124.00	117.00
S Africa Rd	1.93	1.76
Spain Pta	180.50	171.50
Sweden Kr	10.62	10.12
Switzerland Fr	3.72	3.50
USA $	1.89	1.82

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

London: The *FT* index closed 476.3, up 1.3

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average rose 8.47 points to 860.73.

Gardens open

Today

Argyll: Achamore House, Isle of Ghiga; fine shrubs and semi-tropical plants. All day and daily until October 31. Crarae Lodge by Inverary; fine autumn colours. Plants for sale. 8-6 pm and open daily until October 31. Barguillean, Taynuilt; shrubs, heathers and conifers. Open all day, and open until October 31.

Sussex: Great Dixter, Northiam, half a mile north of Northiam; topiary, wide variety of interesting plants, 2-5 pm.

Tomorrow

Gloucestershire: Westonbirt School, three miles south of Tetbury; formal Italian garden, many rare trees and shrubs. 2-6 pm.

Oxfordshire: Tadmarton Gardens, five miles south west of Banbury. Two gardens, The Manor and Yeomans. Interesting plants for sale at Yeomans. 2-6 pm.

Suffolk: Beares, Saxted; fine collection of trees and shrubs. Uncommon plants for sale. 2-6 pm.

Wiltshire: Lackham College of Agriculture; greenhouses, interesting shrubs, herbaceous, vegetables, herbs. Plants for sale. 2-6 pm.

In the garden

Sweet peas sown now will start *flowering next June. If you keep* picking them for the house, or picking off the faded flowers to stop them from setting seeds, you *will have sweet* peas right into September. 1982.

When gladioli have finished flowering there is no point in *leaving them in the ground* any longer. Lift them, cut the stems down to about six to eight inches above the corm and hang them in *a dry, airy shed. Do not forget* them, as a severe frost will penetrate an unheated shed or garage and ruin the corms. Bring them *into a warm greenhouse* by the end of November or, unless your wife objects, clean off the stems, set the corms in a tray and store them on top of the wardrobe in the spare bedroom.

The papers

The New York Times says in an editorial that "Pakistan is a deserving customer in the Reagan Administration's thriving arms bazaar: Its security is plainly threatened by the Soviet thrust *into Afghanistan.*" *But the paper* notes that Pakistan has another hostile neighbour, India, which relies on Soviet arms to preserve superiority. "The real challenge for American diplomacy will be to hold open the chance that both *India and Pakistan can be made to* recognize their interest in reducing the costly hostility between them."

The New Straits Times, of Kuala Lumpur, criticizes British policies towards Malaysia. "Reduced tech-*nical aid, loosening* trade ties, a lopsided imbalance due as much to dwindling British interests as to British quotas, and protracted negotiations on Asean (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) participation in the cheap air fare scheme to Britain have eroded traditional links", it writes.

The Bonn Generalanzeiger says the controversy about the forthcoming peace demonstration in Bonn is grotesque and politically dangerous. As a result of all the *attention the event will* have a greater effect even than the organizers had hoped for.

In Italy, Paese Sera leads with the headline "Economy Chaos", and Il Giornale sees 1981 as "a black year".

Sporting fixtures

Football: Full league programme (page 7). Tomorrow: Fourth division, Rochdale v Aldershot.

Rugby Union: Club programme in England, league in Scotland (page 7).

Racing: Flat meetings at Newmarket (2.0, including the William Hill Cambridgeshire Handicap at 3.0) and Haydock Park (1.30); *National Hunt at Towcester (2.15),* Chepstow (1.30) and Kelso (2.15). Tomorrow: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, at Longchamp, Paris (4.20).

Golf: County finals, at Ferndown, Bournemouth (today and tomorrow).

Rugby League: Yorkshire Cup final, Castleford v Bradford Northern, at Headingley (2.15).

Tomorrow: League programme (page 7).

Equestrianism: Wylye trials *(today and tomorrow).*

Gymnastics: National championships, men at Hinckley, women at Crystal Palace.

Cycling (tomorrow): National cyclo-cross trophy, at Stockport (2.0).

Anniversaries

Today: Mikhail Lermontov was born in Moscow in 1814; Eleonora Duse, near Vigevano in 1858; Pierre Bonnard in Fontenay-aux-Roses in 1867. *St Francis of Assisi* died at Porziuncola in 1226 and William Morris in London in 1896

Tomorrow: François Guizot was born at Nimes in 1787. St Teresa of Avila died at Alba de Tormes in 1582, and Rembrandt at Amsterdam in 1669. Coverdale's Bible published in 1535.

Weather

The general situation: Deep low pressure centre will be slow moving in the N of Britain.

Forecast from 6 am to midnight

London, East Anglia, Central S, E, SW, *Central N England, Midlands, S Wales:* Sunny intervals and showers, some heavy and prolonged; wind W, moderate or fresh, decreasing light, moderate for a time; max temp 10 to 11C *(50 to 52C).*

SE England, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals and showers, perhaps longer outbreaks of rain later; wind SW, moderate, decreasing *light for a time;* max temp 11C (52F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Rather cloudy, occasional showers, and some longer outbreaks of rain, wintry on *hills;* wind mostly W, fresh to strong; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

NE England: Bright periods, scattered showers; wind SW, moderate to fresh; max temp 9 to 10C (48 to 50F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: Rather cloudy, some bright periods; occasional showers or outbreaks of rain; snow on hills; wind mostly SE, light to moderate; max temp 8 to 9C (46 to 48F).

SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Mostly cloudy with periods of rain, drier later, snow on hills; wind mostly N, moderate, but strong at first; max temp 7C (45F).

Shetland, N Ireland: Mostly cloudy with outbreaks of rain, snow on hills; wind mostly N, strong, decreasing later; max temp 7C (45F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Sunny intervals and occasional showers, cold with night frost in places.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind S, fresh or strong, becoming variable, moderate; sea rough, becoming slight. *English Channel* (E): Wind variable, moderate, becoming NW, fresh or strong; sea slight, becoming rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NW, strong to gale, locally severe gale; sea very rough.

TODAY
Sun rises: 7.04 am. Sun sets: 6.34 pm. Moon rises: 12.21 pm. Moon sets: 9.19 pm

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 7.06 am. Sun sets: 6.32 pm. Moon rises: 1.22 pm. Moon sets: 9.54 pm

First quarter: October 6

Lighting up time

London 7.04 pm to 6.36 am
Bristol 7.14 pm to 6.46 am
Edinburgh 7.13 pm to 6.51 am
Manchester 7.11 pm to 6.46 am
Penzance 7.27 pm to 6.57 am

TOMORROW
London 7.2 pm to 6.38 am
Bristol 7.12 pm to 6.47 am
Edinburgh 7.11 pm to 6.53 am
Manchester 7.9 pm to 6.47 am
Penzance 7.24 pm to 6.58 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	5	41	Guernsey	c	13	55
Birmingham	c	11	52	Inverness	r	5	41
Blackpool	c	12	54	Jersey	c	13	55
Bristol	f	12	54	London	c	14	57
Cardiff	c	11	52	Manchester	d	9	48
Edinburgh	c	6	43	Newcastle	r	13	55
Glasgow	c	6	43	Ronaldsway	c	6	43

London

Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 15C (59F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 14C (57F). Humidity, 7 pm, 64 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 7 pm, a trace. Sun: 24hr to 7 pm, 4hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 993.0 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Satellite predictions

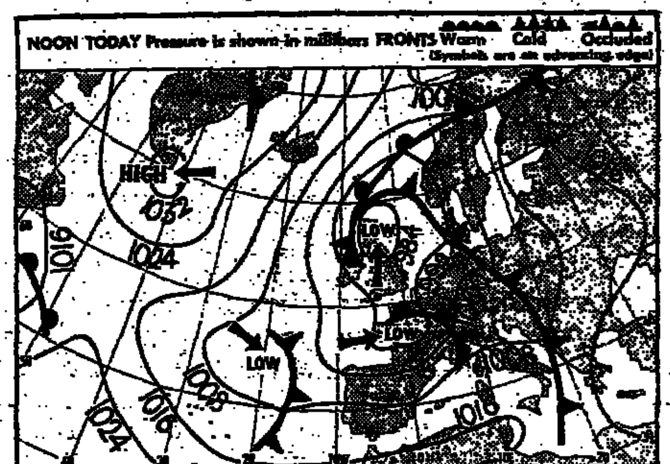
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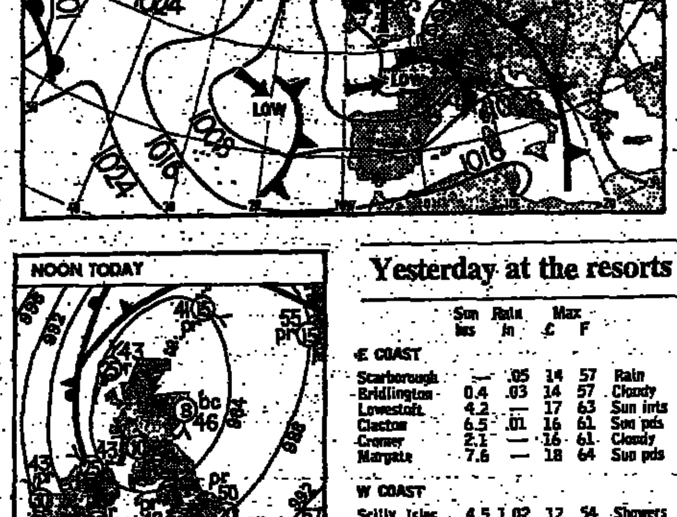
LONDON: Cosmos 151R: (Oct 5) 6.14-6.20; W*; 45N; ENE. Cosmos 394: 20.46-20.49; NW; 65WNW; WNW*.

MANCHESTER: Cosmos 151R: (Oct 5) 6.14-6.20; W*; 65WNW; ENE. Cosmos 185R: (Oct 5) 2.14-2.15; NE*; 20NE; NE.

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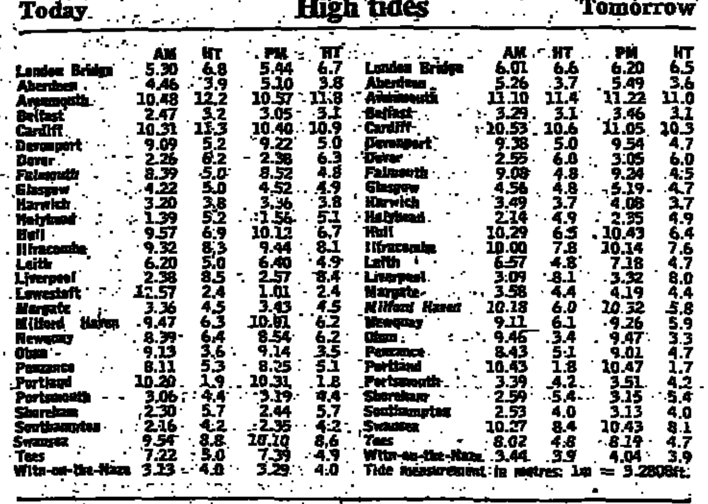
b—blue sky; bc—blue sky & cloud; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; p—showers; prs—periodical rain with snow. Wind speed in mph.

Best and worst

Highest day temp: Manston, 19C (66F). Lowest day max: Prestwick, Aldergrove, 6C (43F). Highest rainfall: Point of Ayre, 3.47in. Highest sunshine: Thanet, 7.6hr.

Yesterday at the resorts

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
E COAST					
Scarborough	—	.05	14	57	Rain
Bridlington	0.4	.03	14	57	Cloudy
Lowestoft	4.2	—	17	63	Sun ints
Clacton	6.5	.01	16	61	Sun pds
Cromer	2.1	—	16	61	Cloudy
Margate	7.6	—	18	64	Sun pds
W COAST					
Scilly Isles	4.5	1.02	12	54	Showers
Ilfracombe	2.3	.62	12	54	Showers
Tenby	3.9	1.23	10	50	Rain
Anglesey	—	1.18	8	46	Rain
Colwyn Bay	—	.66	10	50	Rain
Southport	—	.20	14	57	Showers
Blackpool	0.2	.31	14	57	Rain
Morecambe	—	1.19	13	55	Rain
Douglas	—	2.17	7	45	Rain
S COAST					
Folkestone	6.1	.02	17	63	Showers
Hastings	4.5	.05	17	63	Showers
Eastbourne	3.1	.06	15	59	Rain
Worthing	4.8	.02	16	61	Sun ints
Littlehampton	4.3	.02	16	61	Sun ints
Bognor Regis	4.0	.03	15	59	Sun ints
Shanklin	5.6	.07	15	59	Sun pds
Bournemouth	4.7	.02	15	59	Sun ints
Poole	4.8	—	15	59	Sun ints
Swanage	5.1	—	14	57	Sun ints
Weymouth	6.2	—	14	57	Sun pds
Teignmouth	7.0	.04	13	55	Sun pds
Torquay	6.5	.02	14	57	Sun pds
Falmouth	5.2	.42	13	55	Shower
Penzance	6.5	.60	13	55	Showers
Jersey	6.3	.01	15	59	Shower



High tides

Today

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.30	6.8	5.44	6.7
Aberdeen	4.46	3.9	5.10	3.8
Avonmouth	10.48	12.2	10.57	11.8
Belfast	2.47	3.2	3.05	3.1
Cardiff	10.31	11.3	10.40	10.9
Devonport	9.09	5.2	9.22	5.0
Dover	2.26	6.2	2.38	6.3
Falmouth	8.39	5.0	8.52	4.8
Glasgow	4.22	5.0	4.52	4.9
Harwich	3.20	3.8	3.36	3.8
Holyhead	1.39	5.2	1.56	5.1
Hull	9.57	6.9	10.12	6.7
Ilfracombe	9.32	8.3	9.44	8.1
Leith	6.20	5.0	6.40	4.9
Liverpool	2.38	8.5	2.57	8.4
Lowestoft	12.57	2.4	1.01	2.4
Margate	3.36	4.5	3.43	4.5
Milford Haven	9.47	6.3	10.01	6.2
Newquay	8.39	6.4	8.54	6.2
Oban	9.13	3.6	9.14	3.5
Penzance	8.11	5.3	8.25	5.1
Portland	10.20	1.9	10.31	1.8
Portsmouth	3.06	4.4	3.19	4.4
Shoreham	2.30	5.7	2.44	5.7
Southampton	2.16	4.2	2.35	4.2
Swansea	9.54	8.8	10.10	8.6
Tees	7.22	5.0	7.39	4.9
Walton-on-the-Naze	3.13	4.0	3.29	4.0

Tomorrow

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.01	6.6	6.20	6.5
Aberdeen	5.26	3.7	5.49	3.6
Avonmouth	11.10	11.4	11.22	11.0
Belfast	3.29	3.1	3.46	3.1
Cardiff	10.53	10.6	11.05	10.3
Devonport	9.38	5.0	9.54	4.7
Dover	2.55	6.0	3.05	6.0
Falmouth	9.08	4.8	9.24	4.5
Glasgow	4.56	4.8	5.19	4.7
Harwich	3.49	3.7	4.08	3.7
Holyhead	2.14	4.9	2.35	4.9
Hull	10.29	6.5	10.43	6.4
Ilfracombe	10.00	7.8	10.14	7.6
Leith	6.57	4.8	7.18	4.7
Liverpool	3.09	8.1	3.32	8.0
Margate	3.58	4.4	4.19	4.4
Milford Haven	10.18	6.0	10.32	5.8
Newquay	9.11	6.1	9.26	5.9
Oban	9.46	3.4	9.47	3.3
Penzance	8.43	5.1	9.01	4.7
Portland	10.43	1.8	10.47	1.7
Portsmouth	3.39	4.2	3.51	4.2
Shoreham	2.59	5.4	3.15	5.4
Southampton	2.53	4.0	3.13	4.0
Swansea	10.27	8.4	10.43	8.1
Tees	8.02	4.8	8.19	4.7
Walton-on-the-Naze	3.44	3.9	4.04	3.9

Tide measurement in metres: 1m = 3.2808ft.



Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	21	70	Cologne	r	14	57	Madrid	f	20	68	Rome	f	19	66
Akrotiri	s	26	79	Copenhagen	c	16	61	Majorca	f	24	75	Salzburg	s	19	66
Alexandria	f	28	82	Corfu	f	23	73	Malaga	s	24	75	Sao Paulo			
Algiers	s	27	81	Dublin	r	7	45	Malta	c	27	81	San Francisco			
Amsterdam	c	17	63	Dubrovnik	c	18	64	Melbourne	r	16	61	Seoul	s	21	70
Athens	s	25	77	Faro	f	21	70	Mexico City				Singapore			
Bahrain				Florence	r	17	63	Miami				Stockholm	c	14	57
Barbados				*Frankfurt*	c	13	55	*Milan*	r	14	57	Strasbourg	r	15	59
Barcelona	s	23	73	Funchal	s	24	75	Montreal				Sydney	s	34	93
Beirut	s	28	82	Geneva	r	12	54	Moscow	s	18	64	Tangier	c	20	68
Belgrade	f	21	70	Gibraltar	f	23	73	Munich	f	17	63	Tehran			
Berlin	f	18	64	Helsinki				Nairobi	c	27	81	Tel Aviv	s	27	81
Bermuda				Hongkong	c	27	81	Naples	c	23	73	Tenerife	f	25	77
Biarritz	c	15	59	Innsbruck	f	16	61	New York				Tokyo	s	25	77
Bologna	c	16	61	Istanbul	s	22	72	Nice	c	16	61	Toronto			
Bordeaux	f	17	63	Jeddah	s	35	95	Oslo	c	14	57	Tunis	s	30	86
Boulogne				Johannesburg				*Paris*	c	16	61	Valencia	s	24	75
Brussels	c	16	61		th	13	55	Perth				Vancouver			
Budapest	f	18	64	Las Palmas	f	25	77	Prague	c	16	61	Venice	r	17	63
Cairo	s	30	86	Lisbon	f	21	70	Reykjavik	s	1	34	Vienna	f	16	61
Cape Town	c	17	63	Locarno	r	12	54	Rhodes	s	25	77	Warsaw	s	19	66
Casablanca	f	22	72	Los Angeles				Riyadh	s	37	99	Washington			
Chicago				Luxembourg	c	12	54	Rio de Janeiro				Zurich	c	12	54

